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NEET-2023: Bengaluru boy gets all-India fifth rank

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Testing Agency (NTA) announced the NEET-2023 result late on Tuesday.

Dhruv Advani from Bengaluru, secured the fifth rank at the all-India level and is the topper in Karnataka.

He scored 715 marks (99.99%) out of 720 in NEET.

Dhruv, a student of GR International School, Bengaluru, secured 99.4% marks in the Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE) class XII exam in the science stream and wants to join the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dhruv said he had never followed a fixed schedule in studying.

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Twitter faced threats, says ex-CEO; Centre calls it a lie

Jack Dorsey says govt. threatened to shut down the social media platform unless it acted on its orders during the farmers' protest; Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar says there was no 'shutdown'

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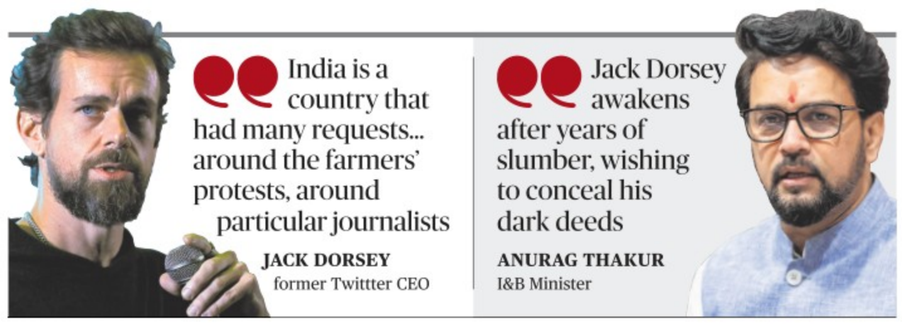
NEW DELHI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JACK DORSEY
former Twittter CEO
Jack Dorsey awakens after years of slumber, wishing to conceal his dark deeds
ANURAG THAKUR
I&B Minister

Twitter's former chief executive officer Jack Dorsey said the Indian government had threatened to shut down the social media platform in the country unless it complied with its orders during the farmers' protest in 2020-21. The government on Tuesday refuted the claims made by Mr. Dorsey, calling them an "outright lie".

"India is a country that had many requests of us around the farmers' protests, around particular journalists that were critical of the government," Mr. Dorsey said on Monday, in an interview with Breaking Points, a YouTube channel. "It manifested in ways such as 'We'll shut Twitter down in India', which is a very large market for us, 'We're going to raid the homes of your employees', which they did, and 'We will shut down your offices if you don't follow suit' – and this is India, a democratic country," he said.

He said the government demanded "contact information" tied to certain accounts in addition to shutting them down.

"This is an outright lie," Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology said in a tweet, tagging Mr. Dorsey.

"No one went to jail nor was Twitter 'shut down'," Mr. Chandrasekhar said, adding that Twitter had continuously resisted Indian laws until July 2022, when it "finally complied".

"India as a sovereign nation has the right to ensure that its laws are followed by all companies operating in India," the Minister said. "During the protests in January 2021, there was a lot of misinformation and even reports of genocide which were definitely fake," he added.

This is an apparent reference to the hashtag #ModiPlanningFarmerGenocide, which the IT Ministry sought to crack down on.

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Court attaches 82 properties of Reddy, wife

BENGALURU
The special court of sessions has ordered attachment of 82 properties belonging to former Minister G. Janardhana Reddy and his wife till adjudication of the case related to illegal mining and export of iron case against him. » PAGE 6

Cong. govt. keen on splitting BBMP

BENGALURU
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Cyclone Biparjoy: 21,000 people shifted to safety in Gujarat

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

As Cyclone Biparjoy barrels towards Gujarat, the State government has shifted nearly 21,000 people from coastal areas to safer places.

The cyclone, which is likely to make landfall near Jakhau port in Kutch district on Thursday, holds "extensive damaging potential" for the coastal districts of Saurashtra and Kutch, officials said.

High alert: Fishing trawlers anchored at the Jakhau port ahead of the landfall of Cyclone Biparjoy in Kutch district of Gujarat. PTI

According to the India Meteorological Department, Cyclone Biparjoy weakened from an extremely severe cyclone to a very severe cyclone on Tuesday. It is expected to cross Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat and the adjoining Pakistan coast between Mandvi in Gujarat and Karachi in Pakistan near the Jakhau port (Gujarat) in the evening of June 15 with a maximum sustained wind speed of 125-150 kmph.

"Its damaging potential could be extensive," IMD Director-General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said at a press conference in New Delhi.

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ED holds searches at T.N. Minister's chamber, home

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI/KARUR

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday launched searches at Tamil Nadu Electricity Minister V. Senthilbalaji's official chamber in the State Secretariat and bungalow in Chennai and other places linked to him in Karur and Coimbatore in connection with an alleged money laundering case. This is the first time the Central agency has entered Fort St. George, the seat of power, targeting a Minister.

DMK president and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge dubbed it an "intimidation tactic" by the Narendra Modi government.

The Minister was confined to his official residence during the search operation conducted with heavy protection by armed paramilitary personnel.

V. Senthilbalaji was confined to his official residence during the search conducted with heavy protection. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

While the agency did not release any statement till the time of going to press, it is understood that the searches were being conducted in connection with money laundering related to a job scam that allegedly took place when Mr. Senthilbalaji served as Transport Minister during 2011-15 in Jayalalithaa's Cabinet. It is alleged that bribe was sought for jobs in the Metropolitan Transport Corporation.

Last month, the Supreme Court cleared the decks for an investigation, saying, "The investigation officer is to proceed with further investigation in all cases." It also gave the green signal to the ED for probing related money laundering charges against the Minister.

Sources said three ED officials and two bank managers entered the Minister's official chamber to conduct searches.

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Court orders Central forces for panchayat polls in Bengal

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday ordered that the West Bengal State Election Commission (WBSEC) "should and shall requisition Central forces to work in tandem with State police to ensure free and fair elections" to the panchayat in the State. The High Court, however, refused to make changes to the panchayat election schedule in the State announced on June 8. Elections to about 63,239 seats at gram panchayat level, 9,730 panchayat samiti seats and 928 zilla parishad seats are scheduled for July 8.

The orders follow petitions filed by Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari and State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

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World Cup triumph and Dronacharya award will be the crowning glory for seasoned coach Kumar

'I have been given a free hand by Hockey India and I have a strong belief that the juniors can win the world event; it has been a recurring dream for me and I will make it happen'

HOCKEY

K. Keerthivasan

C.R. Kumar still remembers Rajinder Singh (Sr) lifting the hockey junior men's World Cup in Hobart with the Indian players nearly 22 years ago.

Kumar was a bit peeved as the junior men's team was his baby. The 60-year-old had coached the team for nearly two years, and guided it to the Asia Cup final.

However, in a sudden change of guard, Rajinder took over the reins at Hobart much to Kumar's disappointment.

Kumar masterminded the Indian junior men's team triumph in the Asia Cup in Salalah (Oman) recently and is all set to be the head coach of the side for the junior men's World Cup to be held in Kuala Lumpur from December 5 to 16 this year.

Aiming higher: India, which won the Asia Cup at Oman under Kumar's guidance, will look to top the podium at the world level too. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Plenty of experience

Kumar has a wealth of experience, having coached the Indian senior men's and women's teams. He has also helmed the Malaysian women's squad in a career spanning 25 years.

The seasoned coach obviously knows the importance of the World Cup and the pressure that comes with it. Kumar is hopeful of India clinching the trophy in Kuala Lumpur.

"I deserved to be there in Hobart with the team then, but it was not to be. No problem. To win the World Cup has been a recurring dream for me. I will make it happen since the boys are very talented," said Kumar.

He was thrilled that his wards qualified for the World Cup with an efficient performance in the Asia Cup at Oman by following his dictum that every player must score.

"I knew Pakistan was the team to beat. My strategy was that all the players would have to play an attacking game. Every team feared us precisely for that reason. And if you look at the statistics, except the two goalkeepers, all 16 of our players scored," said Kumar, known for his acumen and meticulous preparation.

Kumar was out of the country for three years from March 2019. After his father's death, he went to Oman to coach a local club Ahli Sidab in the men's super-division category, not willing to disturb the Indian team preparing for the Tokyo Olympics.

His untiring efforts helped Ahli Sidab win the title for two consecutive years. "It was a nice challenge for me and I enjoyed every minute of it. I took quite a few former Indian players in my side in 2022," he said.

It was then that he received a call from world hockey president Narinder Batra who asked him to join the Indian junior team as head coach.

And Kumar was more than glad to accept the offer.

His first assignment was the Sultan of Johor Cup. He proved his worth when he shepherded the team to the gold with a win over a formidable Australia in the shootout. "That was the first tournament for our juniors in six years and the Sultan of Johor Cup was the only scheduled tournament in the FIH calendar. It was one way to test the standards of the team," he said.

Then the victory at the Asia Cup catapulted Kumar to the pinnacle of glory. However, he is not satisfied with what he has achieved and the junior team coach has set his sights on the World Cup gold.

With this in mind, the team will travel to Dusseldorf for a five-nation tournament – Spain, Argentina, England and Germany the other sides – and for the Sultan of Johor Cup.

"The current junior team is a very mature squad with high technical standards. I have been given a free hand by Hockey India. I have a strong belief that India can win the World Cup. Moreover, I have a strong and dependable support staff who will help me with my tactics and technical preparation," said Kumar.

He has high praise for the boys and felt that they can shine in senior world events soon. "From my team, a minimum of two players will represent India in the Paris 2024 Olympics," he said.

Unfulfilled dream

Kumar has another unfulfilled dream that he possibly should have achieved long back – the Dronacharya award. In fact, in 2022 he was recommended for the honour but his name, along with several others, was surprisingly left out.

"I will win the World Cup at Kuala Lumpur and then apply for the Dronacharya award," he said.

From starting his coaching career for the National men's team assisting V. Baskaran at the 1998 Utrecht World Cup to being Cedric D'Souza's deputy in the 2002 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Kumar has witnessed several ups and downs. The man has, however, remained grounded and served the sport with distinction.

Lebanon, a nation in economic peril, turns to football for joy and relief

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BHUBANESWAR

Thousands of miles away from Lebanon, its national football team is looking to find happiness for its people in the Intercontinental Cup.

After a goalless draw against Mongolia, the DJ returned to playing loud music as the football fans made their way to the Kalinga Stadium for the next game featuring India and Vanuatu.

In the tunnel, amid silence, stood Lebanese midfielder Hassan Srour. He took a tissue, folded it twice, and kept it where he would touch his head on the ground. "Bismillah Hir Rahman Nir Rahim," he said and got busy praying silently.

Lebanon had not won the match but it had not lost either. The draw kept it alive in the race for the Intercontinental Cup final, and Srour couldn't be happier.

More than a game: Like football, it is in the culture of the Lebanese to be together, put their best foot forward and light the lamp of happiness for the countrymen. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Far less heartbreaking

This result was, in fact, far less heartbreaking than the 1-1 draw against Iraq, which diminished its chances of qualifying for the FIFA World Cup 2022.

"It was a good game, we created many chances. We were unlucky not to score, but we'll take it in our stride," Lebanon captain Hassan Maatouk told *Sportstar*.

Lebanon has been searching for joy for at least four years now, not just as a football team but as a country. And thousands of miles away, the Cedars, the nickname of Lebanon's national football team, are looking to provide a source of happiness in tough times through football.

"We try to make something for the people to be happy. We try our best. We have many new players in the national team, and we are trying to build on the young ones that we have here," Maatouk said.

Lebanon's economic crisis has been ranked as one of the worst financial catastrophes since the 19th century by the World Bank. In August 2020, Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, suffered one of the most powerful non-nuclear explosions ever when 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate exploded in a building.

"Everything in the country went backwards. It set us back 10 years. The blast still affects people now. Everyone lost someone. May Allah bless the people who lost their lives, those whose homes were destroyed, and those who lost their jobs," Maatouk was quoted telling FIFA.

The disaster killed 218 people, injured 7,000, and left over 300,000 people homeless, debilitating the economy further.

Compounding their woes is the fact that the Lebanese currency, the Lira, has lost over 95 per cent of its value, and around 80 per cent of the country is now poor, according to the United Nations.

"I have this dress for a three-year-old girl; I want to exchange it with essentials, milk, and laundry detergent," was one of the hundreds of messages on social media, cries of help as families nosedived into limited means.

But Maatouk feels success will come one day, both for his country and the football team he has been leading for seven years now.

"A lot of families had problems, and many still have them. But like football, it is in our Lebanese culture to be together—to take this time the best way and try to finish a problem," Maatouk said.

"I know it's difficult, but this is life. Sometimes you need to continue despite difficulties, and the solution will come."

Maatouk himself grew up amid a national crisis. Born to Lebanese parents, he had to flee with his family to survive the Lebanese Civil War, a conflict that claimed 1,20,000 lives.

Nine years later, he returned and has grown up to be one of the legends of the game in Lebanon, becoming the country's joint-highest goalscorer and leading his country to the final round of FIFA World Cup qualifying for only the second time, after 2011.

With him around, the team radiates happiness. He walked out of the dressing room with an apple in one hand and a water bottle in the other, along with a towel tucked in between his arm and hand.

"We have a lot of problems back in the country, but when we are playing with the ball on our feet, we think about nothing but the game at that moment," Maatouk said.

Coming into the Intercontinental Cup as the highest-ranked team (World No. 99), Lebanon will face host India in its next match on June 15, with a chance to play it again three days later. The team will then travel to Bengaluru for the SAFF Championship.

"We have the third game against India, and we'll go into that game to win," Maatouk said. "We know they are a great team, and the match will be crucial for us on our route to the final and our ranking. So, we'll try our best to get the better of India in the next match."

The Cedars are gearing up for the AFC Asian Cup next year, a tournament for which they have qualified for the first time in consecutive editions.

In its six appearances across two Asian Cups (2000 and 2019), it has won only once, a 4-1 win over North Korea.

That is something it will look to change in Qatar next year.

"We are working very hard with the new coach to play the way he wants us to, and I think all of these preparations are for the Asian Cup," Maatouk said as he shook hands and left for the team bus.

Nearly 30 years ago, football became a uniting force in Rwanda after a genocide that killed over a million people.

Lebanon, another nation on the brink of economic peril, will hope Maatouk and his compatriots can set another example by delivering some silverware in the upcoming competitions.

The desolate streets of Beirut, once packed with people, might just get a reason to congregate for a happy reason, exchange smiles, and maybe temporarily forget their hard times.

INBRIEF

Emirates to operate new A380 aircraft from Bengaluru

Emirates on Tuesday announced that it will operate its newly retrofitted flagship A380 aircraft from Bengaluru and Mumbai airports.

The Gulf carrier said that its highly sought-after premium economy offering will be available to customers flying from Bengaluru and Mumbai, starting October 30. Emirates said it will operate this aircraft from the two Indian points, featuring the new Premium Economy seats, as well as refreshed interiors that provide an elevated experience in all other cabin classes. "Travellers flying between Dubai and Bengaluru can book their flights on EK568/569 to enjoy the industry's latest premium economy product with luxurious seats, more legroom, and an elevated dining experience," the airline said.

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NEET-2023: City boy gets all-India fifth rank

"I have always been flexible. There were even days when I had not even touched my books and put in 4 to 5 hours on days before exams. I am very happy with this result."

Another boy from Karnataka also figured in the top 50 AIR holders. Byresh S.H. secured an AIR of 48 with a total score of 710. Under the Scheduled Tribes category, two students from the State P.R. Sachin and Chayank Murthenwar, secured 7th and 9th ranks respectively. Under the Persons With Disabilities category, a student from Karnataka Lavanya Gupta secured the top rank with all India rank of 1,018.

Of the 1,31,318 students from Karnataka who appeared for NEET, as many as 75,248 are eligible to take part in the counselling process, said a statement released by the National Testing Agency. Compared to the previous year, the number of candidates who qualified from Karnataka this year is higher. Last year, it was 72,262.

NEET was conducted in 13 languages, including Kannada. This year, 704 candidates registered to write the exam in Kannada.

Congress govt. keen on splitting BBMP

However, given the legal tangle that the civic polls process is already in, the govt. is brainstorming on how to manoeuvre through this quagmire

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The head office of the BBMP. The government has reconstituted the BBMP Restructuring Committee, led by former Chief Secretary B.S. Patil, to implement its agenda. FILE PHOTO

The newly elected Congress government in the State is keen on splitting the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) into multiple corporations for ease of administration, multiple sources in the government confirmed to *The Hindu*. However, given the legal tangle that the civic polls is already in, the government is brainstorming on how to manoeuvre through this quagmire.

The government reconstituted the BBMP Restructuring Committee, led by former Chief Secretary B.S. Patil, on Monday to implement this agenda, sources said. The committee first formed during the earlier Congress tenure had in 2015 recommended splitting BBMP into multiple corporations. However, it was not implemented then as the courts forced the State government to hold civic polls immediately and there was political opposition to the move by the BJP and JD(S), who later came to power and nixed the proposal.

With Congress coming back to power with a comfortable majority, the party is keen to implement what it thinks is the best solution to fix the city's governance deficit, a senior Congress leader said.

Randeep Singh Surjewala, in charge of the party affairs in the State, chaired a meeting with Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar, city MLAs and members of the reconstituted committee on Monday, where a clear intent to split the civic body into multiple corporations was expressed, sources said.

New law

Congress had in its manifesto promised to bring a new law for city governance, with a single agency in charge of all the city parastatals such as the BDA, BWSSB, Bescom, BMTC, and BMRCL.

This law which will replace the existing BBMP Act, 2020 brought in by the BJP government will be the vehicle to split BBMP into multiple corporations, yet retain Brand Bengaluru with an overarching agency governing the city, which will probably be chaired by the Chief Minister. This will address concerns of erosion of Brand Bengaluru if the civic body is split into multiple corporations, sources said.

Sense of déjà vu

However, there is a sense of déjà vu in how courts mandating civic polls at the earliest may derail the intended changes to the governance structure in the city, like in 2015.

The petition seeking immediate elections to BBMP will come up for hearing in the Supreme Court of India on July 4. Meanwhile, multiple petitions challenging the delimitation of 243 wards are pending before the High Court of Karnataka. The petitioners include not only Congress members, who have alleged that the delimitation was politically motivated by the BJP, but also BJP MLA Satish Reddy.

"Bringing in a new law, a basic draft of which is already ready, and splitting the civic body into multiple corporations and redoing the delimitation of wards will take at least four to six months. The civic body has been under administrator's rule for the past two-and-a-half years under the BJP government and hurrying elections now will only derail the reform process. But it needs to be seen whether the courts will provide us that kind of time," said a senior Minister from the city, who did not wish to be named.

Contingency plan

If the courts force the State government to hold civic polls immediately, even then the party and the government are keen to bring in a new law for city's governance, post elections if need be, sources said. "A transition period can be built into the new law. While the law, which may provide for multiple corporations, will start to govern the city's governance, the single corporation will split up into multiple corporations when the next elections are held," a senior MLA said.

Randeep Surjewala's presence in meeting creates a stir; BJP set to complain

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The presence of Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala, in charge of party affairs in the State, at a meeting which had Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath and Additional Chief Secretary Rakesh Singh, has caused a stir.

BJP leaders, led by former Minister R. Ashok, are set to complain to the Governor in this regard on Wednesday.

BJP tweets photo

The Opposition BJP tweeted a photo of the meeting held at Shangri La hotel in the city terming it a "secret meeting" and asked if this was a "85% deal fixing meeting" and questioned what was Mr. Surjewala, who had nothing to do with the State government or BBMP, doing in an official meeting.

Former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy also tweeted questioning Mr. Surejwala chairing the meeting with Ministers and officials. He questioned whether the government in the State was led by Siddaramaiah or by the "minions of 10, Janpath".

"It's the misfortune of Karnataka that people from the Congress high command even run official meetings of the Government of Karnataka," he said.

'Not official'

Sources in the Congress said that Mr. Surjewala held the meeting with city MLAs and experts, including members of the BBMP Restructuring Committee on "developing Brand Bengaluru" and claimed that it was not an official meeting. However, the presence of two senior IAS officers has raised eyebrows.

DKS goes on rounds, listens to proposals on decongesting Hebbal and K.R. Puram

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Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar near Hebbal flyover in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) on Tuesday submitted a proposal to Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar to create additional lanes on the Hebbal flyover from the airport towards the city and also from the city towards the airport, to ease traffic congestion. Mr. Shivakumar inspected traffic bottleneck points at Hebbal and K.R. Puram.

According to sources, the BDA has also proposed to include another loop on the flyover towards K.R. Puram, from the city. The proposal has also considered the two metro lines - K.R. Pura to airport and K.R. Pura to Yeshwanthpur - and has designed the plan accordingly.

"Out of many options available to ease the junction, we have taken up the one which is doable quickly. We have suggested adding lanes and loops and underpasses and also the removal of traffic signals. These things would not require a lot of construction work or acquisition of extra land. This solution will hold strong for at least next 10 years. By then, multiple comprehensive solutions can be worked across the city to decongest the airport way," said Kumar Naik, Commissioner, BDA.

After inspecting Hebbal flyover, the Minister held a meeting under the Hebbal flyover where National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials, including regional officer Vivek Jaiswal, briefed him about their proposal to decongest Hebbal.

The NHAI's proposal included a six-lane elevated corridor along the flyover, a cable car line across Hebbal lake and a view point along with other elements.

Mr. Shivakumar, during his inspection, mulled over what measures can be taken to tackle the increasing traffic density by 2047. With a long-term vision for the next 25 years, the Minister also discussed a long-distance flyover along with the short-distance flyover. One of the proposals also suggested a 6.3-kilometre twin underpass on Outer Ring Road.

Meeting with citizens

However, Mr. Shivakumar said that he would soon chair a meeting with the citizens of Bengaluru and another with experts who have a long-term vision for the city and make decisions about decongestion within 10-15 days.

When asked if the construction work at Hebbal would exacerbate traffic issues, he said, "As of now, metro work is going on only in the night. We have been in discussion with the police to enable the work to be done faster. We will not stop traffic movement on the flyover for even a second. The work will happen in such a way that there will not be any traffic congestion on or below the flyover, even when metro work happens."

The Minister also clarified that there were no hurdles or opposition from any department, including Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) for the widening of Hebbal flyover.

Bescom transformer stolen from Bagaluru Industrial Area

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 25 KV transformer has been stolen leaving the people in the dark for sometime in Bagaluru Industrial Area on Monday.

The theft came to light when Jagadish Kumar, Junior engineer, Bescom, based on a power cut complaint went around to check and found the transformer missing near Doddenahalli. The theft occurred between Saturday and Sunday and the people in and around and even the industrial area situated nearby suffered power cut until it was detected, Mr. Kumar said.

The box of the transformer was intact but all the parts inside it were emptied out, a police officer said. The accused had tripped the power to steal the transformer risking their lives, a senior police officer said adding that the accused will sell the parts to throw away prices.

The police have initiated probe to track down the accused. There is no CCTV footage but we have kept a tab at the junk yards in and around, the officer said.

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Lightning, blamed for Canada fires, will get worse in a warming world

In at least one climate scenario, lightning capable of causing fires is expected to become more common by the 2090s. Within India, lightning has been the deadliest natural disaster for some time, taking 90,632 lives from 1972-2019, says a report

Priyali Prakash

New York City's air quality was recently among the worst in the world due to smoke drifting from the wildfires in Canada. According to AirNow, areas from the mid-Atlantic through the northeast and upper parts of the Great Lakes registered air quality in 'unhealthy' or worse categories starting Wednesday. The smoke also went on to blanket Washington D.C. and other parts of the North American continent.

According to the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, there were 426 active fires in the country as of June 8, 2023. Of these, 232 were reportedly out of control a major chunk of them (144) were reported to have been from Quebec province alone. The Centre also raised the national preparedness level, an indicator of wildland fire activity, to its highest level of five.

Smoke billows up from the Donnie Creek wildfire south of Fort Nelson, British Columbia, Canada. B.C. WILDFIRE SERVICE VIA REUTERS

What's causing the wildfires?

Wildfires in Canada's British Columbia and Alberta province started in late April, news agency *Reuters* reported. They have since moved on to the eastern provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. Quebec is Canada's largest province by area and also home, as of June 12, to the most currently active wildfires.

Most of these blazes were caused by lightning, *Reuters* added. Human activities are also to be blamed for adding to the forest fires, reports have said.

According to a study published in *Nature* on February 10, 2023, lightning is the main precursor of natural wildfires. Laboratory experiments and field observations have together revealed that lightning electric currents that flow for more than some tens of milliseconds, the so-called long-continuing currents (LCC), are likely to produce fires.

The study indicated an increase in the total global lightning activity and global LCCs by the 2090s. In one climate projection, the simulated globally averaged surface temperature increased by about 4 degrees C. Here, the amount of total lightning activity was found to increase by 11% per K.

The same study also found that LCC lightning activity increased by around 47% over land, implying a higher risk of lightning-ignited wildfires in the future. The simulated relative increase in the global total lightning flash rate of 43% is also similar to the relative increase in the global LCC lightning flash rate (41%).

The trends face the other way in some other regions, including the western parts of North America, northern and southern South America, parts of Central Asia, and in the Scandinavian peninsula. Simulations have found that in these parts of the world, the total lightning activity could decrease but the amount of LCC lightning activity could increase, leading to an increase in wildfires.

How does lightning work?

During a storm, water droplets in warmer air and ice crystals that condensed in cooler air coalesce together to form thunderstorm clouds (usually cumulonimbus clouds). Contact between these droplets and crystals produces a static electrical charge in the clouds.

The negative and positive charges in the clouds build up. Over time, the voltage difference becomes high enough to surmount the resistance presented by the air, leading to a rapid discharge of electric charge. This is what we see as a lightning flash. It can occur between oppositely charged surfaces within a thunderstorm cloud or between such surfaces in the cloud and on the ground.

Is lightning a climate indicator?

Long-term changes in lightning patterns reflect, at least in part, changes wrought by the climate crisis. The World Meteorological Organisation recognises lightning to be an essential climate variable that contributes critically to the way the earth's climate is characterised.

This said, in a 2009 book, geophysicist Colin Price wrote: "It needs to be emphasised that lightning-climate relationship based on data for short periods, and different regions, in the present climate cannot always be used as a proxy for future global warming." This, he added, is because surface temperature is also affected by a host of other factors.

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According to *Eos*, a publication of the American Geophysical Union, lightning also produces nitrogen oxides, which react with oxygen in the air to form ozone, which is a strong greenhouse gas.

Lightning strikes in India

Of late, lightning strikes have been the deadliest natural disaster in India. There were 18.5 million lightning strikes in the country between April 2020 and March 2021 - 34% higher than the previous year - according to the Climate Resilient Observing Systems Promotion Council. The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, has also reported a sharp uptick in strikes in the decade since 1995.

Per a report of the Lightning Resilient India Campaign, 90,632 people died by lightning between 1972 and 2019. According to the National Crime Records Bureau, India had 2,875 deaths due to lightning in 2019, rising marginally by 2021. The private weather-forecasting company Skymet has reported that Odisha recorded the most strikes among India's states in 2019.

However, the Campaign report also said strikes had dropped by 60% in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Nagaland in 2021-2022. It also said that most such deaths in India happen because people living in villages seek shelter from lightning under tall trees, which are more likely to be struck.

What else is happening in Canada?

According to *Reuters*, Canada's Atlantic coast received lower snowfall this winter followed by an unusually dry spring. The weather of Nova Scotia province, where wildfires are not unusual but are nonetheless less common than in other provinces, is influenced by the North Atlantic Ocean. Due to its proximity to the water-body, the region is ordinarily more humid and has more moderate temperatures compared to other parts of the country.This year, Nova Scotia's capital, Halifax, received only 120 mm of rain between March and May, roughly a third of the average, according to *Reuters*. To add to the region's woes, a late-May heatwave pushed the temperature up, causing it to breach a high 33 degrees Celsius mark on June 8.

(With inputs from Vasudevan Mukunth)

THE GIST

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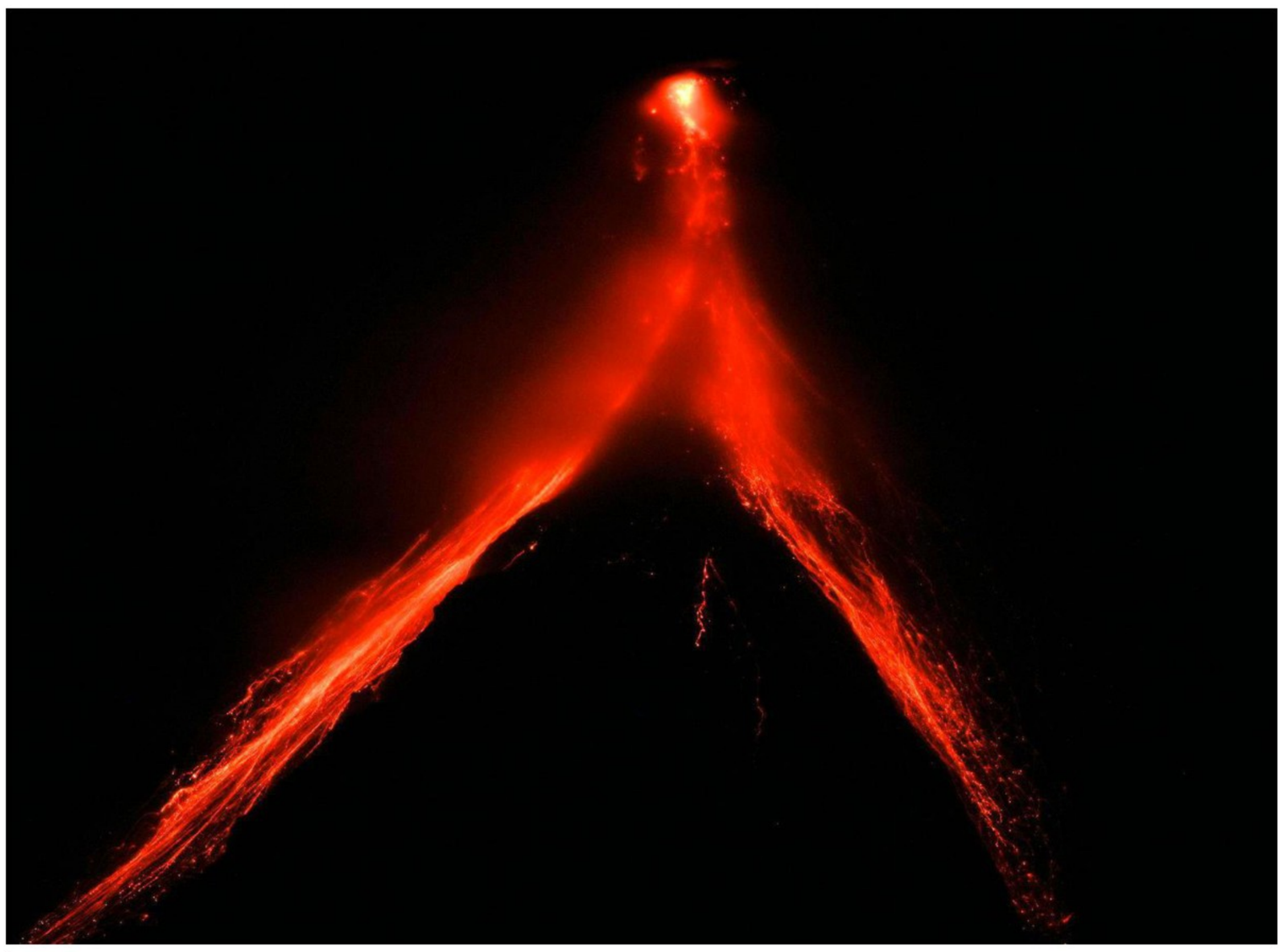

Mayon Volcano in Legaspi, Albay province, the northeastern Philippines on Monday. The country's most active volcano is continuing to gently spew lava down its slopes. Tens of thousands of people are preparing to flee. AP

QUESTION CORNER

Colours on a soap bubble

G. Meenarajeswari

Q **Why are soap bubbles and oil layers coloured?**

A giant soap bubble. GETTY IMAGES

A: Coloured bands on soap bubbles and oil layers are caused by interference of light waves with themselves.

Sunlight is a composite of seven colours (violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red, in that order) each of which lies in a specific wavelength range. For example, violet light has a wavelength of 380 nanometres (one nanometre is a billionth of a metre) and red, above 600 nm.

Light waves falling on any thin film are partially reflected from the top and bottom surfaces of the film. A wave reflected from the bottom surface has to travel a longer distance than the one reflected from the top. This difference in distance travelled by the waves, called path difference, leads to a difference in the phases of the light waves. The phase describes the electric and magnetic fields associated with light waves.

The phase difference depends on the thickness of the film at the point of reflection and angle of viewing. If two waves are 'out of phase', then they cancel each other out (destructive interference). If they are 'in phase', they add up (constructive interference).

Thus, the regions of the spectrum (or colours) which interfere constructively can be seen whereas those which interfere destructively are lost. Even if there is a slight variation in the thickness of the film, it will be coloured differently.

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Woman kills mother, walks into police station with body

Probe reveals that the victim frequently quarelled with her daughter, who told the police that she killed her mother as she was asking for it

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It was around 1 p.m. on Monday and the police personnel at Mico Layout Police Station were getting ready to have lunch, when a woman entered struggling to carry a trolley bag.

The police personnel were stunned as she told them that she had killed her mother a few hours ago and brought her body in the suitcase. The police opened the bag to find the body of an old lady, with a dupatta around her neck, stuffed in the bag along with the photo of her long dead husband.

The accused has been identified as Sonali Sen, a physiotherapist who quit her job a few days ago. The victim Biva Paul, 71, was living with Sonali, her only daughter, at NSR Green Apartment in Kodichikkanahalli since five years. Biva Paul had relocated to her daughter's house after

Sonali Sen

the death of her husband. Sonali was living with her husband, an engineer working in Jigani Industrial Area and the couple had a son. Sonali's mother-in-law was also living with them, the police said.

Probe revealed that Biva frequently quarelled with her daughter and on Sunday, a fight ensued. Biva, who was depressed, said that there will not be peace till she was alive and asked her daughter to kill her.

On Monday, around 7.15 a.m., after Sonali's husband left to work, she force fed her mother around 30 blood pressure tablets. By 11.30 a.m., Biva had a paralytic stroke and started writhing in pain following which Sonali strangled her mother using a dupatta and bundled the dead body into a trolley bag. She took an autorickshaw to reach the police station.

Police sub-inspector Sanjeev Gurappa who was on duty when Sonali walked in with the body, registered a case of murder and arrested her and sent the body for post-mortem.

Sonali told the police that she had killed her mother as she was asking for it.

Called husband

She also called her husband before leaving home informing him that she is going out and her mother-in-law was alone. By the time he returned to his apartment, Sonali was in police custody.

Private company gets hoax bomb threat

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A private company situated in Ecospace Bellandur got a hoax bomb threat call on Tuesday.

The reception got the call on Tuesday afternoon and the caller claimed that a bomb had been planted and will explode soon.

The staff alerted the jurisdictional police who roped in the dog squad and bomb disposal squad. The teams rushed to the spot and sanitised the area to confirm that it was hoax.

The police, meanwhile, are trying to track down the caller and suspect the involvement of a sacked employee.

The police suspected that a few days ago, the company terminated an employee for his under performance and bad behaviour. Enraged by this, he wanted to avenge and made the hoax call.

The police have taken up a case and are trying to track down the caller.

Grade 'A' accreditation for university

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Samskrit University (KSU) has been accredited with 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

KSU Vice-Chancellor Ahalya S., in the press note, informed that the university has been accredited with the 'A' grade in the first cycle. The university had started preparations to offer itself for assessment and accreditation in 2022.

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Severe flooding, traffic snarls as heavy rain lashes parts of city

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BENGALURU

East Bengaluru reported heavy rainfall, resulting in flooding at Marathahalli Bridge and Varthur Main Road

Heavy rain on Monday night in Bengaluru caused severe flooding and traffic jams in various parts of the city.

East Bengaluru reported heavy rain leading to waterlogging at Marathahalli Bridge and Varthur Main Road while Bellandur, Halanayakanahalli and Varthur lakes overflowed.

Traffic snarls were reported on Bellandur road, Outer Ring Road, Mahadevapura, Kadubeesanahalli, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Hulimavu, and other roads.

Encroachment

Jagadish Reddy, member of Varthur Rising, said that most of the layouts in the area had seen waterlogging after a few spells of rain on Monday.

"Waterlogging happened in Prakash Layout and Chinnappa Layout in Varthur where water went inside a few houses. The government should take action against the encroachers of rajakaluve to avoid such flooding," he added. According to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), Varthur received the maximum of 94 mm rainfall, and this was followed by HAL Airport (90 mm) and Marathahalli (88.5 mm) at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

IMD forecast

According to the forecast for Bengaluru by India Meteorological Department (IMD) for the next 48 hours, the sky is generally cloudy. Light to moderate rain/thundershowers are likely towards evening/night.

"Surface winds are likely to be strong and gusty at times. Maximum and minimum temperatures are very likely to be around 32 and 21 degrees Celsius, respectively," IMD said in the statement on Tuesday afternoon.

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Manjamma and magic wand of Jogathi Nritya

In her memoir, Manjamma lingers on some of the most traumatic parts of her life, including her struggle against poverty and deprivation

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

Manjamma Jogathi is very clear about one thing. "It was my art, not activism, that took me from the pavement to the Padma Shri," she reiterated several times at the recent launch of her autobiography *From Manjunath to Manjamma*.

The book, co-authored by journalist Harsha Bhat, offers a deep dive into the decades-long journey of this renowned folk artist, born Manjunath Setty, who received the Padma Shri for her contribution to folk arts in 2021.

Not that it was an easy journey. In her memoir, Manjamma lingers on some of the most traumatic parts of her life, including her struggle against poverty and deprivation, the sexual abuse she was subjected to, a suicide attempt, the abandonment and derision she faced from her own family, romantic betrayals and so much more.

"I am a woman in a man's body," she writes in the preface of this autobiography. "Ever since I have known this aspect of my being, my life has been a constant struggle."

Folk artist Manjamma Jogathi at the launch of her autobiography *From Manjunath to Manjamma* in Bengaluru.

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But what sustained her, kept her going through this all, helping her reinstate her honour and win many laurels and recognition, was the art. The "magic wand" of Jogathi Nritya helped turn her life around, she writes in the book. This folk-art form of North Karnataka "helped me cast the magic spell that made me who I am today," believes Manjamma, who went on to become the first trans woman president of the Karnataka Janapada Parishat, albeit not without controversy.

"Do you know that someone resigned from the academy because a trans person was made the president?" she asks at a pre-event interview, adding that over time, however, that person came around and even regretted this decision.

Holding this prestigious office, she believes, hasn't just altered her life but changed things for the entire art community.

"People realised that if a person coming from this background could achieve so much, other trans people could," she says in the same interview. Jogathi Nritya, after all, as she writes in the book, has empowered many transgendered people, like her, to "earn a living, to not have to resort to begging or sex work, to gain respect and recognition as folk artists and free ourselves from the clutches of ridicule that the world imprisons us in."

She also adds that she hopes that writing the book, which offers a glimpse of both her life and the larger Jogathi community, will "enable inclusive acceptance of others like me."

Jogathi culture

Manjamma's art and life took centre stage at the launch event, held at The Bookworm in Bengaluru last Saturday, where the book's unveiling was followed by a conversation between the artist and her co-author Harsha Bhat with noted Kannada writer, Vasudhendra.

Vasudhendra begins the conversation by asking this question. "How does this book stand out from other books written about the trans community?" he asks, listing some other notable memoirs, which include *The Truth about Me: A Hijra Life Story* by A Revathi, *I Am Vidya* by Living Smile Vidya and *Me Hijra, Me Laxmi* by Laxmi Narayan Tripathi.

President Droupadi Murmu being felicitated by Manjamma Jogathi during a civic reception hosted in her honour by the government of Karnataka at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Goddess Yellamma

In his opinion, he adds, the major difference is this: the book focuses on the Jogathi culture, which is different from other trans communities. Unlike the hijra tradition, there is a sense of divinity associated with the Jogathis since they are believed to have been chosen by the Goddess Yellamma herself.

"Before the Constitution recognised me, my Yellamma recognised me," she states in the book, a point that Vasudhendra reiterates, following it up with a discussion about the origin story of the goddess, Renuka Yellamma. According to Manjamma, the prevailing belief that the Jogathi's body becomes a vessel for Yellamma gives them some advantages that other trans communities do not enjoy. Having said that, Manjamma herself has undergone many traumatic situations, something she briefly spoke about at the session and delved into great detail in her book.

For instance, since she belonged to the Aryavaishya community, being possessed by Yellamma was seen as a disgrace by her family, she pointed out. "Recently, however, an association of the same community organised a function where they honoured me for my achievements," she mentioned wryly.

Practices and rituals

The conversation then veers towards the practices and rituals associated with the Jogathi community, all of which Manjamma herself has undertaken. "This is very important to me," says Manjamma during the event, tugging on her beaded necklace. Being given this necklace is part of the initiation ceremony of a Jogathi, a ceremony which also includes the cutting of the *uddara* or waist thread that boys wear since birth, she adds, going on to reminiscence about the past and discuss other complexities of the community, including its pervasive caste politics."

Unearthing the rich cultural fabric of this community, "its depth and its vastness" was an important aspect of writing this book, says co-author Ms. Bhat, going on to delve into the genesis of the project. "It felt like a responsibility," says Ms. Bhat, who first met Manjamma in 2021. The folk artist was in Delhi to receive her Padma Shri when Ms Bhat, who was working as a journalist then, approached her asking for an interview. "I just called her and told her I wanted to meet her," she says, recalling how Ms. Manjamma, almost immediately acquiesced.

After the interview was done, Ms. Bhat told the folk artist that she wanted to write a book about her. Ms. Manjamma promptly agreed to it, recalls Ms Bhat, who spent the next two years trailing behind the folk artist, engaging in long conversations with her. "I recorded all our discussions and interactions," she recalls, adding that from those discussions, she gleaned the threads of narrative that would make it into the final book.

While Ms. Bhat wanted the book to authentically echo the voice and personality of its subject, she admits that there was sometimes a language barrier as she often found it difficult to understand the dialect of Kannada that Manjamma spoke. Additionally, as a heterosexual cis woman, she had to be aware of the complexities involved in writing about an experience that was not a lived one, especially since there was a divinity and culture aspect.

Referring to the iconic essay by Roland Barthes, titled *The Death of the Author,* where the essayist argues that the writer's identity is unimportant to a piece of creative work, she says, "I had to die so that Manjamma could write through me," she says, adding. "The book happened because Amma made it happen. It is nothing short of a fable that it came through."

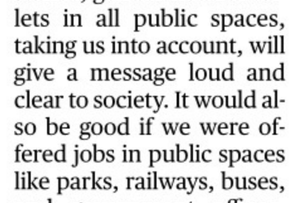
'Look at us as human beings'

It would be good if we were offered jobs in public spaces, says Manjamma Jogathi

INTERVIEW

Manjamma Jogathi

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU



Edited and translated extracts of an interview with folk artist Manjamma Jogathi:

You've earned so many laurels over the last few decades. What does this mean to the larger community you belong to?

Till I was made the president of the folk academy (in 2019), only a few people knew about me. After the Padma Shri (in 2021), the entire country came to know about the work I was doing. When people saw that a transgender person has achieved this, it brought respect and recognition to my whole community.

Even now, people tell me that earlier, they would look at transgender people at signals and the like with a lot of disgust. Today, they often roll down the window pane and give them money, looking at them with a lot of sympathy and understanding.

Our community people also tell me that people come and ask them if they know Manjamma Jogathi, and if they nod, people tell them to give up seeking alms and other unwanted activities and instead think of achieving something. What more change can I ask for?

How does it feel to know that your life is now part of a college syllabus?

The present generation doesn't read newspapers or watch television. At least now, while studying, they have to read textbooks about third-gender folk artists and their lifestyles.

Taken from that context, the inclusion of my story will help them know about the life of a transgender person and folk artists. Instead of seeing us as only those who seek alms, this will enable a change in perspective among young minds.

From beggars to artists; a paradigm shift in perception will be initiated.

What more do you think will help change the narrative of the trans experience?

There are people who feel pity and compassion for us, but we don't need that. We just need people to look at us as human beings. Small things, for instance, gender-neutral toilets in all public spaces, taking us into account, will give a message loud and clear to society. It would also be good if we were offered jobs in public spaces like parks, railways, buses, and government offices. Sure, some trans people beg, but there are many of us willing to work.

By employing trans people in public spaces, you will make them less prone to harassment. If they see one of their kind being gainfully employed, they will feel that they can work, live this way and be respected. And it is important to create awareness at the school and college level. If we catch them young, change is more likely to happen and people will start thinking about us in a better way.

Not-for-profit hospitals to be set up in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Brigade Foundation, a not-for-profit initiative of Brigade Group, has announced the setting up of two not-for-profit 100-bed hospitals in association with St. John's Medical College Hospital.

The hospitals will come up at Brigade Group's integrated housing projects Brigade Meadows on Kanakapura Road and at Brigade EL-Dorado at Aero-Park/ Hardware Park in North Bangalore. The hospitals are expected to be operational in calendar years 2024 and 2025, respectively, according to a release. M.R. Jaishankar, executive chairman, Brigade Enterprises Limited, said, "Brigade is happy to announce these corporate philanthropic initiatives in the field of healthcare to benefit the neighbourhood apart from thousands of residents in our projects."

Rev. Dr. Paul Parathazham, the Director of St. John's Medical College and Hospital, said, "These two hospitals will help St. John's expand its services to other parts of the city."

Guha's book wins Elizabeth Longford Prize

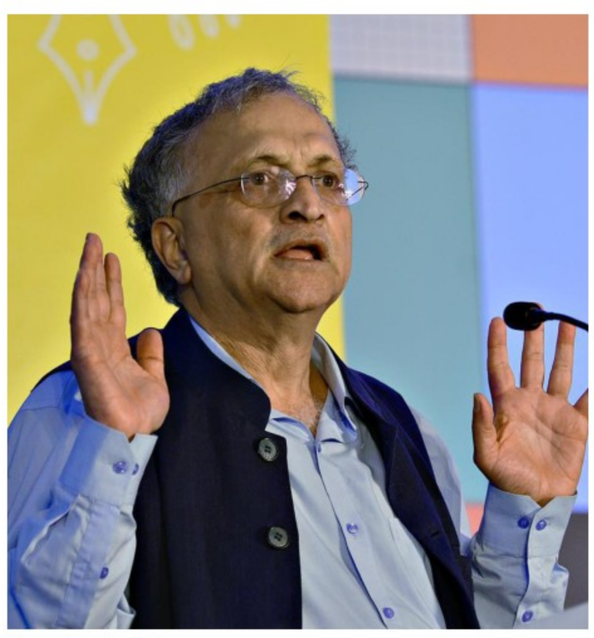
'Rebels Against the Raj' tells the story of seven foreigners who joined India's freedom struggle

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Historian and writer Ramchandra Guha's book *Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom* has won the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography 2023. Guha has been awarded £5,000 (₹5 lakhs approximately) and a bound copy of Elizabeth Longford's memoir, *The Pebbled Shore*.

The jury was chaired by Roy Foster. The judging committee also included Antonia Fraser and Flora Fraser (daughter and granddaughter of Longford respectively), Richard Davenport-Hines and Rana Mitter.

The Bengaluru-based historian's book tells the story of seven foreigners – four British, Two American, and one Irish – who joined India's freedom fight against British rule. The list of names includes Annie Besant, B.G. Horniman, Philip Spratt, Richard Ralph Keithahn, Samuel Stokes, Madeline Slade, and Catherine Mary Heilemann.


Ramachandra Guha

Roy Foster, the jury chair, commented on the book. "From an immensely strong field, the judges have chosen a book where the author's deep empathy and impressive scholarship are lit up by a passionate regard for his subjects. Ramachandra Guha's *Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom* profiles seven people from Britain, America, and Ireland who adopted India's struggle for independence and, in doing so, found their own destinies.

"The experience of India changed their ideologies, their spirituality, and often their names." Stokes, Slade, and Heilemann had changed their names to Satyanand, Miran Behn and Sarala Beh, respectively after arriving in India.

"In tracing their relationships revolving around the magnetic figure of Gandhi, Guha adds a new perspective to the Mahatma's life, on which he has already focused so rewardingly in his multi-volume biography. Alert to his subjects' disappointments and occasional delusions, he salutes their commitment to a new way of life and their prescience about the needs of a post-colonial world and India's place in it," Mr. Foster said.

Twentieth anniversary

"*Rebels Against the Raj* shows how historical biography can illuminate the temper of the times through immersion in individual lives. As Guha points out, oppression does not disappear with the ending of colonial rule, and the ideas and priorities incisively drawn out in this book deserve urgent attention in today's India," he added.

The award was founded in 2003 by Flora Fraser and Peter Soros to commemorate British historian Elizabeth Longford. Every year it rewards exemplary works in historical biography. The prize is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Previous winners of the award include *The Long Recessional: The Imperial Life of Rudyard Kipling* by David Gilmour, *How to Survive the Titanic: The Sinking of J. Bruce Ismay* by Frances Wilson, *Margaret Thatcher: The Authorized Biography, Volume 1: Not for Turning* by Charles Moore and Julian Jackson's *A Certain Idea of France: The Life of Charles de Gaulle*.

The book has been published by Penguin Random House in India, William Collins in the U.K., and Alfred Knopf in the USA. Guha tweeted expressing gratitude to all the editors and publishers.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1973

Plan for Dharna before Urs' House

BANGALORE, June 13: The Opposition Leader in the Mysore Legislative Assembly, Mr. H.D. Deve Gowda, announced here to-day that all the Opposition legislators would stage a hunger-strike and offer dharna in front of the Chief Minister Mr. Devaraj Urs' house on June 20, 21 and 22 to back their demand for convening a special session of the State Assembly to discuss the report of the Committee on Public Undertakings.

Varsity Plan for Failed Students Given up

HUBLI, June 13: The Karnatak University, has decided to rescind its move to extend carry over facilities to failed students of second year pre-university seeking admission to degree courses of the University from this academic year.

This reversal in the stand of the university came at a meeting of the Academic Council held here last evening under the presidentship of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. A.S. Adke, to reconsider the issue in view of the communication received from the State government advising the university not to implement the move.

Mr. Samuel Appaji, Commissioner of Education, Government of Mysore, in the letter addressed to the Vice Chancellor, had stated, among other things, that the move of the Karnatak University, in extending concessions, would have unhealthy repercussions in other parts of the State coming under the jurisdiction of two other universities.

After girl falls off bus and dies, KSRTC issues circular

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After a 14-year-old schoolgirl died on Monday as she lost balance and fell off a crowded NWKRTC bus in Haveri district, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy has given instructions to all Road Transport Corporations to follow passenger safety norms and close bus doors before the bus moves. Following the directions by Mr. Reddy, the KSRTC on Tuesday issued a circular to all depots and bus crew asking them to follow door safety precautions.

The circular stated that all the bus doors should be checked before the bus starts for trip from depots. The bus driver and conductor should make sure that the back door is closed and only then start the bus. The bus crew has been directed not to allow any passenger to stay on the footboard of the bus.

The deceased, meanwhile, has been identified as Madhu Kumbar. The girl who was holding the railings reportedly lost control when the bus negotiated a curve, fell off the bus and died on the spot, according to eyewitnesses.

Free bus scheme for women saw 41.34 lakh passengers on Monday

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The 'Shakti' scheme, which offers women free travel in non-premium services offered by the State-run Road Transport Corporations (RTCs), met the estimated target of beneficiaries on Monday, the first weekday the scheme was operational for. A total of 41.34 lakh women travelled free in RTC buses on the day. This cost the State exchequer ₹8.84 crore, KSRTC said in a statement.

Earlier, the RTCs had estimated that around 41.81 lakh women (including 11.58 lakh pass holders) will benefit from the scheme. According to KSRTC officials, the scheme would cost the government at least ₹3,400 crore annually if the daily numbers stay in this form. On June 11, the day the scheme was launched by the State government, the RTCs incurred an expenditure of ₹1.40 crore in half a day. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said, "This shows that the scheme is successful. However, we will look into the figures at least for one week and based on the numbers, if the women passengers are increasing to use RTC buses, we will start increasing the number of buses."

RTC officials also say that it was early to conclude that the scheme was a runaway success. After the smart passes are issued, this number may come down. "Now most of the women passengers are using the free bus scheme out of curiosity. Based on their traveling experience, they may opt or may not for the smart pass to avail free bus ride scheme," the official added. Regarding buses being more crowded after the scheme was launched, Mr. Reddy said that the fleet size will be increased soon.

Shakti scheme details

Date	No. of women who travelled in four RTCs	Ticket value of women passengers travelled (in ₹)
June 11, 2023	5,71,023	1,40,22,878
June 12, 2023	41,34,726	8,83,53,434

Source: KSRTC

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Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 14		
RISE	05:54	SET 18:46
RISE	02:39	SET 15:27
THURSDAY, JUN. 15		
RISE	05:54	SET 18:47
RISE	03:21	SET 16:21
FRIDAY, JUN. 16		
RISE	05:54	SET 18:47
RISE	04:05	SET 17:16

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	33	26
Mysuru	33	21
Bengaluru	31	21

Bengaluru Today
33°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be warm and humid. Night will be pleasant.Spell of rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C A dry weather to prevail. Morning will be pleasant. Day will be little warm and humid. Night also will be pleasant.

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CORRIGENDUM - I
Notice No-01/2023-24
"Invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease for Meralgara - Barabaljori Iron Ore Block"

With reference to advertised under PR No. 296777 (Mines and Geology) 21-22(D) regarding invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease following modification has been made:-

Block	Concession Area Ha.	Resource (MillionTonnes)	Last Date of submission of technical bid &IPO on MSTC website	Date of Opening of Tender
MERALGARA-BARABALJORI IRON ORE BLOCK	115.220	640319.08	17.07.2023	18.07.2023

❖ Other Terms and Conditions remains same.

PR.NO.299955 Mines and Geology(23-24):D Sd/- Director Geology

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION HINGOLI
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 11 YEAR 2023-2024

E-Tenders for **ONE (01)** works in **B-1** form is invited by the Executive Engineer Public Works Division Hingoli Phone No 02456 220612 from the registered contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra for the improvement roads/two yearly maintenance of roads/repairs of building /construction of new buildings/Gram Vikas works in Dist. Hingoli

The details can be viewed and downloaded from following website
www.mahapwd.gov.in
https://mahatenders.gov.in/

sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Hingoli

DGIPR/2023-2024/1382

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the NOTICE of General Public that our client **Shri. JAGADISH H S,** s/o. Shri. Shivamadaiah, R/at: No. 395, 17th Cross, 33rd Main, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, BANGALORE – 560078 is intending to purchase the Vacant Site bearing No. 134 for a valuable consideration, in the Layout known as **'SRI SHANKARA – KAGGALIPURA'** situated at **KAGGALIPURA VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** which is morefully described in the schedule property below from its Owner/Vendor/s **Shri. B MUNIRAMASWAMY,** aged about 62 years, s/o. Late. Byrappa & **Smt. M. MANJULA** aged about 54 years w/o. B. Muniramaswamy, both residing at No. 16 and 17, 'Daiva Krupa' Subramanyapura Main Road, Chikkallasandra, BANGALORE – 560061.

The Owner/Vendor/s claim that, his/her right is free from all encumbrances, charges, claims etc., of whatsoever nature and that, he/she has a clear and marketable title in respect of the schedule property.

All or Any person or person/s, Government of Karnataka/Block Development Officer/Tahasildar, Bank/Financial Institution/s/Co-operative Society Ltd/Statutory bodies/etc., having/asserting any rights, title, agreement, stay order, inheritance, succession or interest/ legal claims or intending to oppose in purchasing the property/insists for NOC/ etc., in any manner may file their objections with documentary proof/s in original to the undersigned below within **10 (Ten) days** from the issuance of this Public Notice. Failing which it will be presumed by my client that (a) there are no claim/s, lien/s, objection/s, agreement, inheritance, succession (b) if any, the same is/ are deemed to have been waived and abandoned in respect of the schedule property and my client will be obliged to proceed with the execution and registration of the Absolute Sale Deed against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Vacant Site bearing No.134, in the Layout known as **'SRI SHANKARA –KAGGALIPURA'** with Khatha No. 169/134, E Khatha No. 150200300101420450, formed in Sy. No. 64 of **KAGGALIPURA VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** measuring East to West 12.19 meters (40 feet) and North to South 9.14 meters (30 feet), totally measuring **111.42 square meters (1200 square feet)** and bounded on the: -

East by : 9 Meters Road;
West by : Site No. 140;
North by : Site No. 133 &
South by : Site No. 135.

M/s. GANJAM NAGARAJ ASSOCIATES,
Advocates
Office at No. 312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 082.
Dated : 13/06/2023 Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that my clients **Sri. AMMEMBAL ANILKUMAR PAI,** Son of Ammembal GopalKrishna Pai, residing at No.517, Geethanjali, 7th Main, 46th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 041 and Sri. AMMEMBAL RANGANATHA PAI, Son of Ammembal GopalKrishna Pai, residing at No.201, United Orchid, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore - 560 043 are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and they represent that they have lost/misplaced the Original Possession Certificate no PR. No-249/65-66 dated 23/09/1965 with respect to Schedule Property. Sri. Ammembal AnilKumar Pai and Sri. Ammembal Ranganatha Pai have lodged a police complaint on 12/06/2023, vide. Lost Report No.0598536/2023 before the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, Bangalore regarding lost/misplaced of above said document.

Any person, entity, firm, financial institution or body corporate, having custody of the lost / misplaced / documents / mentioned above or otherwise in respect of the below mentioned Schedule Property, howsoever are hereby required to notify the same in writing along with supporting documentary evidence to the under signed within 7 days from hereof failing which the claim or objection, if any shall be considered as invalid and waived. Any claims received beyond 7 days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.517, measuring East to West 80 Feet and North to South 46 Feet 6 inches, total measuring 3,720 Square feet, situated at 46th Cross, 7th Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041 along with building consisting of second Floor having Municipal No. 41/1-1, PID No. 58-129-41/1-1 and First Floor having Municipal No. 41/1, PID No. 58-129-41/1, comes within limits of ward No.58 of BBMP Jayanagar and bounded on: **East by:** Road: **West by:** Property No.518; **North by:** Private Property: **South by:** Private Property.

SHANKAR, Advocate
No.1795, 40th A Cross, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041
Mob: 9686930700, 9739090902

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby notified that my client **Sri. Gopi D, S/o. Sri. J. Devaraju** is the absolute owner of the property bearing Municipal No. 765 (Khatha no. 3130), Ward No. 12, 3rd stage, Athmiya Geleyara Balaga Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha, Chikkasandra Grama, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring about East to West:40 feet and North to South: (30+30 ½)/2, totally measuring 1210 sq ft (in short 'Said Property') having purchased under a registered Sale Deed dt: 19-12-2022 bearing document no. YPR-1-08464-2022-23, stored in Book-I, CD No. YPRD1204, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar (Yeshwanthpura), Bengaluru from Smt. Sumana K, W/o. Kodandapani R. The said Smt. Sumana K had handed over all the original documents pertaining to the Said Property including the original registered Gift Deed dt: 30-12-2017 bearing document no. PNY-1-07489-2017-18, stored in Book-I, CD no. PNYD680, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar (Peenya), Bengaluru having executed by **Smt. Yashoda M, W/o. Sri. Keshavamurthy** in favour of **Smt. Sumana K.** On 01-06-2023, while in transit the original registered Gift Deed dt: 30-12-2017 was found to be misplaced and lost. Despite trying to find the said document in all places, it was not found. Immediately, e-Lost Report was lodged for lost of document on 8-6-2023, Lost Report no. 0594890/2023.

If any person/s finds the original Gift Deed dt: 30-12-2017, it is requested to return the same at the below mentioned address and further in case, any person illegally dealing with the said original Gift Deed dt: 30-12-2017 in whatsoever manner, will be solely held liable for the consequences and my client will not be responsible for such act/s.

CHIDANANDA P.
'TARKA LEGAL',
Advocate & Solicitors,
No.15/1, 3rd main, (Opp. Swimming Pool)
Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru- 560080
Phone No. 080-2361 4161

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IN THE COURT OF THE XXII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-7), BENGALURU CITY
OS NO. 5882/2022

J.C. SAMPATH KUMAR
AGED ABOUT 71 YEARS S/o D. JAMES FLAT G-004, KASTLE KRISHNA APTS. # 15, OLD # 69, 9TH B CROSS ROAD, VINAYAKA LAYOUT, MANORAYANAPALYA, BENGALURU-560 032.
.....PLAINTIFF

-Vs-

1) CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA
AN AUTONOMOUS INDIAN CHURCH REPRESENTED BY THE SYNODE SECRETARIAT (GOVERNING BODY OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA) CSI CENTRE, #5, WHITES ROAD, PO BOX 688, ROYAPETTAH, CHENNAI-600 014
REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL SECRETARY
2) A. DHARAMARAJ PRASALAM
MODERATOR, CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA SYNODE, BISHOP'S HOUSE LMS COMPOUND THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 033
3) THE KARNATAKA CENTRAL DIOCESE
CSI DIOCESAN OFFICE #20, 3RD CROSS, CSI COMPOUND BENGALURU - 560 027
REPRESENTED BY ITS BISHOP
4) DR. PRASANNA KUMAR SAMUEL
BISHOP, KARNATAKA CENTRAL DIOCESE
CSI DIOCESAN OFFICE # 20, 3RD CROSS, CSI COMPOUND, BENGALURU - 560 027
5) THE SECRETARY
CSI DIOCESAN OFFICE #20, 3RD CROSS, CSI COMPOUND BENGALURU- 560 027
.....DEFENDANTS

PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER SECTION 1 RULE 8(2) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff is permitted to sue this suit in a representative capacity/interest of the people belonging to Christian religion, seeking the following reliefs:

a) Declare that the proposed amendment as per the circular Dt. 18.08.2022 of the first Defendant to amend the constitution of the Church of South India in terms of Clause 12(A) of Chapter-5 whereby the retirement age of the Bishop is sought to be extended from the age of 67 to the age of 70 as being malafide, not in good faith and consequently null & void;

b) Grant judgement & decree of permanent injunction restraining the Defendants from proceeding to amend Clause 12(A) of Chapter-5 of the constitution of the Church of South India by extending the age of retirement of the Bishop from 67 to 70 years as proposed;

c) In the alternative to Prayer (a) & (b), and in the event the Court is not inclined to grant Prayers (a) & (b), this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to direct that any process of ratification of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Church of South India in terms of Clause 12(A) of Chapter-5 whereby the retirement age of the Bishop is sought to be extended from the age of 67 to the age of 70 years be held after the expiry of 6 months from the date of the suit;

d) Grant such other relief/s as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit & proper, in the interest of justice & equity.

As such this notice is given of the institution of the suit to all persons interested in the suit, mainly the members of Christian faith, who are members of the Church of South India, so interested so that any person on whose behalf or for whose benefit the suit is instituted or defended may apply to the Court to be made party to such suit. A decree passed in this suit under this Rule shall be binding on all persons on whose behalf or for whose benefit, the suit is instituted or defended as the case be.

Given by the order of the Court on this the 13th day of June 2023.

By order of the Court,
Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR.
CITY CIVIL COURT, BANGALORE
G.S. Prasanna Kumar
M/s Linc & Co., Advocates
#9, II Main, Srikantan Layout
Crescent Road, High Grounds
Bengalooru - 560 001

SAI Tender Notice

Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bangalore invites bid in GeM for following services: -

1. GeM Bid No. GEM/2023/B/3552530 for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) for 2 (Two) nos. Synthetic Hockey Turfs for a period of 1 (One) year at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore.

For more details please visit E-Tender website **gem.gov.in**, **https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in** & **https://saibengaluru.com/**

The Last date of Submission of bid is **30.06.2023** up to **20:00 hrs**.

Sd/-
Executive Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners: Dr.N.Vidyasagar and his son Dr.Gautham Sagar, residing in the Schedule property.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or either by way of Agreement or Mortgage or maintenance or any other right or charge or lien in or over the Schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s along with the copies of the supporting documents, in writing to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of Publication of this Notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.58 and 58/1 (old CITB Site No.2 of Block I, Kumarapark West Extension), having PID Nos.27-77-58 and 27-77-58/1, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to South 80 feet in all measuring 9600 Sq.ft., with a house building thereon comprised of ground plus four upper floors, situated at Kumara Part West extension, Railway Parallel Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Railway line Road
West by : Park Area (CITB)
North by : Bungalow Site No.3, Block No.1
South by : Bungalow Site No.1, Block No.1

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
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And

Sri. Sinoj Kumar ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Sinoj Kumar,
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...Defendant

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Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **07/06/2023.**

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The Pondicherry Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., No. P.1

Ref. Ponlait/E-Tender/Purchase of 200 ML SFM Bottle/2023
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Invitation for Supply of 200 ML Sterilized Flavoured Milk Bottles, Ponlait
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Contact Ponlait:
0413-2271607, 8610929961
Contact e-procurement cell: 0413-2220225
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PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, LAVANYA Haridas D/o Haridas, R/o #205 Wing a Charitha Blossom, 8th Main, 15th Cross Road, Beml Layout, Thubrahalli, Bangalore, Ramagondana Halli, Karnataka–560066, Have Changed My Name to Miheika Haridas

I, VANITHA Philip w/o Philip Joseph Celestine R/o Old No.8, New No.15, Sathyanarayana Temple Street, Gupta Layout, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560008 have changed my name from Vanitha Philip to Vanitha Chandran vide affidavit dt : 13-06-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

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I, ALIYA, D/o Late John, R/a No.4, Narayanappa Block, 4th Cross, Jayamahal, Bengaluru-560046 have changed my name to Gracy vide affidavit dt: 22.05.2023 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, B'lore

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I, SAVITHA E W/O MALLIKARJUNAPPA, R/O 169, Sudarshan Layout, Near Nobel Convent, Janatha Colony, Bannerughatta, Bangalore, Karnataka–560083 have changed my minor son Name DIGANTH M to DIGANTH KUMAR

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CITYBEATS

It's the time to DJ

JUNE 16, 8PM ONWARDS
Bengaluru-based DJ Raghu Achar, with over 12 years of DJing under his belt, will provide the music as part of ladies night. Complimentary cocktails will be offered to women till 10pm. There is no entry or cover charge.
At Indulge by House of Commons, JP Nagar. Call 7899529516 to reserve a table.

A book and a talk

JUNE 16, 5.30PM
Atta Galatta, in association with HarperCollins, presents a talk on the book *The War Diary of Asha-San*.
The book is written by Lt Bharati 'Asha' Sahay Choudhry of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment, INA. Novelist Anita Nair and Tanvi Srivastava (translator) will be in conversation with Asha-San and her son Sanjay Choudhry.
At Atta Galatta, Indiranagar.

Read a book

JUNE 16, 6.30PM
Be a part of a reading of the book *Homeless* by Vaishali. After discovering she is a lesbian and dyslexic at 20, Vaishali took to reading and writing, which explores her and her people's relationship with her truth.
At Atta Galatta, Indiranagar

Industry experts anticipate higher pay scales and increased revenue if eateries are allowed to run 24/7, but staffing and noise concerns remain

24x7 eateries to help shift workers and drive revenue

Swathi Nair

The Bruhat Bangalore Hotel Association (BBHA) has formally urged the state government to grant permission for round-the-clock restaurant operations, highlighting manifold benefits for the industry.

In a letter addressed to Home Minister Dr G Parmeshwara, the BBHA emphasised the significance of extended operating hours. The association, responsible for overseeing various establishments including hotels, restaurants, bakeries, sweet shops and ice cream parlours, firmly asserts the advantages of this initiative. Strengthening their plea, the BBHA recently met with the newly-appointed police commissioner, B Dayananda, on June 9, further reinforcing their request.

The President of the BBHA, PC Rao, said, "We made the same request last year, but now that we have a new government and a new police commissioner, so we are hopeful things will work out this time.".

Pravesh Pandey, director of Roxie, commented on the potential impact on revenue for bars and restaurants, particularly during weekends. He said, "Restaurants bear heavy fixed costs such as rentals and staff salaries. Many of them generate lower revenues during lunch time," adding that granting permission could attract foreign investments in the city, potentially bringing in international fast-food and café chains.

The extension of hours would mean operational adjustments will need to be made to manage the increased demand at night. "Functionally, the hospitality industry, especially restaurants, perform better in the evenings. This change will improve their bottom lines without excessive cost burdens," Pravesh added.

Bengaluru accommodates a substantial population of shift workers, including those in industries such as healthcare, hospitality and IT. These individuals often work irregular hours and struggle to find regular dining options during their breaks or after work.

The availability of 24x7 restaurants can provide vital support to these workers, offering them a place to eat and unwind. Parvesh, an industry expert, remarked, "There are a few late-night food joints open. Roadside stalls and eateries typically provide unhealthy snacking choices, especially near tech parks and outer ring road."

Rao also highlighted the fact that neighbouring states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Delhi have already embraced the concept of restaurants operating 24/7. "Many folks work night shifts, including police officers, healthcare workers, taxi and auto drivers, who require access to drinking water, toilet facilities, and food late at night. Even returning airport and railway station tourists will find it beneficial, considering the expensive food at the airport and the scarcity of late-night eateries."

According to Chef Sombir Choudhary from Jamming Goat, the extension of operating hours will not only generate numerous jobs within the industry but also potentially raise the pay scale of chefs and other staff members. He said, "This will bring in revenue and with access to online marketplaces, we can get ingredients with a click of a button, so there are no issues sourcing ingredients late at night either."

A file photo of people in a restaurant, in Bengaluru. THE HINDU

Siddharth Sridharan, the head bartender at Roxie, acknowledged the impact of COVID-19 on the city's nightlife. He commented, "After COVID, the nightlife of Bengaluru has dulled but is recovering fast. Operating hotels 24/7 can be a good option to boost nightlife."

However, Siddharth also mentioned the difficulty of hiring the right staff to meet the increased demand and explained how having venues that offer food and drinks during the early hours would attract corporate employees who typically finish work at the same time. He added, "Even though things have got back on track, operating restaurants or bars 24/7 would be initially challenging in terms of hiring the right staff to cater to demand."

Siddharth further raised concerns about work-life balance and the potential impact on hotel functioning due to increased attrition rates. He said, "It will affect the little work-life balance that currently exists and will spur the attrition rate, affecting the functioning of hotels. Managing the anticipated complaints of loud music from local residents would become a constant issue for establishments."

In response to concerns about disturbance in residential areas, Rao said, "Only restaurants in commercial areas will be open so that residential areas are not disturbed." Additionally, he specified that the permission should exclusively apply to restaurants and small eateries, excluding bars.

"If businesses extend their operating hours late into the night, it would bring the city to life during those hours, creating a safer environment for people to walk around," he added.

EATING OUT

Asia's largest pub Oia brings Santorini to town

Seaside soirees Oia's food and ambience exudes a beachy charm. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Swathi Nair

Bengaluru's restaurant scene is a hub for breaking records, and Oia (pronounced Eyah) is leading the way in redefining size. Inspired by Santorini, Greece, Oia proudly claims the title of Asia's largest bar, spanning an impressive 87,000 square feet. Notably, Byg Brewski, with its adjacent 65,000 square feet, once held the distinction of India's largest brewpub. However, in a remarkable turn of events in 2021, Ironhill surpassed this record, establishing itself as the world's largest microbrewery, stretching across a staggering 1.3 lakh square feet.

The emergence of Hennur as a favoured location for record-breaking restaurants with ample real estate reveals an intriguing trend in Bengaluru's dining scene. The exact motivations behind this preference remain somewhat elusive.

Located on Hennur Road, Oia captivates with its grand scale and lively ambience. Its stunning all-white interiors, reminiscent of Thalassa in Vagator, create a captivating fusion of Goan and Greek aesthetics. Every corner, staircase, and arch provide an Instagram-worthy backdrop, drawing in enthusiastic millennials and social media influencers.

Oia's popularity is evident in the significant influx of visitors, leading to some wait times at the valet area. Despite an official seating capacity of 1,800, patrons experienced waits of approximately 15 to 20 minutes to secure a table. However, during my thorough tour of the venue, I could not help but notice the complete vacancy on the topmost floor, raising questions about the decision to keep eager customers waiting on a Monday evening at 7 pm, with many travelling from Goa and other parts of Karnataka for that one Instagram post.

Lokesh Sukhija,known for his successful F&B ventures, has brought Oia to life. Speaking about the venture, Sukhija states, "This marks my 40th venture. Bengaluru provides a conducive environment for such endeavours. The city's enthusiastic crowd makes it an ideal destination for these establishments."

Oia
Address: Oia, Hennur Main Road, New Airport Rd, opposite Mantri Webcity, Visthar, Bengaluru.
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Misses: Long island iced tea
Timings: 12 noon to 12:30 am
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Ambience: Modern and opulent
Wallet factor: ₹2,500 for two people without alcohol

Oia's architectural charm lies in its pristine white aesthetics, encompassing a serene emerald pool adorned with a bridge, cabanas, elegant columns and grand arches. Designed by architect Abhigyan Neogi, the venue incorporates magnificent Picasso-style black line drawings as wall and niche accents. The multi-level space features a striking elevation, amphitheatre-style seating, and a signature blue-domed lighthouse, creating the Greek island in silicon city.

The interior décor follows a minimalist approach, with an all-white theme accentuated by exquisite cane lamps. Oia distinguishes itself from Sukhija's previous ventures by embracing simplicity, rather than bold and vibrant elements. The ground floor hosts the Picasso Bar, while the first floor houses Snowman, a bar paying homage to a renowned prize-winning horse.

The menu at Oia showcases a diverse range of pub foods with a few unique twists. Notable highlights include boozy vodka *pani puri*, blue pea sushi, Greek cheese samosas, edamame *tokri* tart, creamy chicken cornetto elegantly presented in a wooden box, and *namma* Bengaluru tacos filled with flavorsome chicken Karavalli.

The culinary offerings at this establishment align with the expectations of urban restaurants in the city, featuring a familiar array of dishes with a few notable variations. However, it is their *paneer tikka* and butter chicken that truly stand out. The credit for this excellence can be attributed to Lokesh's upbringing in Delhi, where the expectation to master Punjabi cuisine is practically sacred.

As we explore the beverage selection, we are introduced to the purple-hued people's obsession, infused with blue pea tea. Other standout creations include Picasso, a Jim Beam-based concoction, geisha, boasting subtle gin notes, and sonorous, skillfully crafted with lemongrass and grapefruit.

However, our experience with the Long Island iced tea fell short of expectations, lacking the desired alcoholic punch. Upon requesting a replacement, the subsequent rendition proved to be an unsatisfactory blend, deviating from the classic profile.

While the food and drinks arrived promptly, nearby tables voiced complaints about extended waiting times – an understandable occurrence given the bustling ambience on a Monday evening.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Wholesale passenger vehicles sale in May hit a record high: SIAM

3.34 In lakh. Sales of domestic passenger vehicles saw a 13.54% growth when compared to the year-ago period. The segments of passenger vehicles including two-wheelers and three-wheelers have grown in double-digits, as per the latest data issued by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM). PTI

More people injured in the ongoing clashes in Manipur

9 People were wounded in a gunfight in the Khamenlok area in Imphal East district in strife-torn Manipur, police officials said. The injured have been admitted to local hospitals, where the condition of one injured person is stated to be critical. Curfew continues in 11 of the 16 districts of Manipur, where internet services are suspended throughout the northeastern State. PTI

The magnitude of the earthquake recorded in Kashmir

5.4 on the Richter scale. The quake was at a depth of six kilometres (3.7 miles) with its epicentre in Doda, a small town in Jammu, according to data from India's National Center for Seismology. Tremors were felt across Delhi, northern India and neighbouring Pakistan. Officials from both countries said there were no reports of immediate damage. AP

The U.S. to send a new military package to Ukraine

325 In $ million. The additional military aid to Ukraine will include a wide range of rockets, missiles for what are considered critical air defence systems and other munitions aimed at bolstering the counteroffensive against Russia, according to the U.S. State Department. The aid comes as Ukraine has intensified attacks along the 1,000-kilometre front line. AP

People killed in the Russian missile attack on Kryvyi Rih

10 people. Russian missiles hit civilian buildings in the Ukrainian city of Kryvyi Rih. Mayor Oleksandr Vilkul said that one person is still believed to be trapped under the rubble while 28 were wounded. The devastation in President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's hometown is the latest bloodshed in Russia's war in Ukraine. AP

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HAP to take AI governance global

Is the question of regulating generative AI possible? Can the development and implementation of AI be aligned with values such as freedom, democracy, and human rights? Will the Hiroshima AI Process (HAP) respond to the concerns of other country-groups involved in developing international technical standards in AI?

EXPLAINER

Krishna Ravi Srinivas

The story so far:

The annual Group of Seven (G-7) Summit, hosted by Japan, took place in Hiroshima from May 19-21. Among other matters, the G-7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué initiated the Hiroshima AI Process (HAP) – an effort by this bloc to determine a way forward to regulate Artificial Intelligence (AI). The ministerial declaration of the G-7 Digital and Tech Ministers' Meeting, on April 30, discussed "responsible AI" and global AI governance, and said, "we reaffirm our commitment to promote human-centric and trustworthy AI based on the OECD AI Principles and to foster collaboration to maximise the benefits for all brought by AI technologies". Even as the G-7 countries are using such fora to deliberate AI regulation, they are acting on their own instead of waiting for the outcomes from the HAP. So while there is an accord to regulate AI, the discord – as evident in countries preferring to go their own paths – will also continue.

What is the Hiroshima AI process?

The communiqué accorded more importance to AI than the technology has ever received in such a forum – even as G-7 leaders were engaged with other issues like the war in Ukraine, economic security, supply chain disruptions, and nuclear disarmament. It said that the G-7 is determined to work with others to "advance international discussions on inclusive AI governance and interoperability to achieve our common vision and goal of trustworthy AI, in line with our shared democratic value".

To quote the G-7 communiqué at further length, "we recognise the need to immediately take stock of the opportunities and challenges of generative AI, which is increasingly prominent across countries and sectors, and encourage international organisations such as the OECD (Organisation for Economics Co-operation and Development) to consider analysis on the impact of policy developments and Global Partnership on AI (GPAI) to conduct practical projects. In this respect, we task relevant ministers to establish the Hiroshima AI process, through a G7 working group, in an inclusive manner and in cooperation with the OECD and GPAI, for discussions on generative AI by the end of this year. These discussions could include topics such as governance, safeguard of intellectual property rights including copyrights, promotion of transparency, response to foreign information manipulation, including disinformation, and responsible utilisation of these technologies."

The HAP is likely to conclude by December 2023. The first meeting under this process was held on May 30. Per the communiqué, the process will be organised through a G-7 working group, although the exact details are not clear.

Why is the process notable?

While the communiqué doesn't indicate the expected outcomes from the HAP, there is enough in there to indicate what values and norms will guide it and from where it will derive its guiding principles, based on which it will govern AI.

The communiqué as well as the ministerial declaration also say more than once that AI development and implementation must be aligned with values such as freedom, democracy, and human rights. Values need to be linked to principles that drive regulation. To this end, the communiqué also stresses fairness, accountability, transparency, and safety. It spoke of "the importance of procedures that advance transparency, openness, and fair processes" for developing responsible AI. "Openness" and "fair processes" can be interpreted in different ways, and the exact meaning of the "procedures that advance them" is not clear.

What does the process entail?

An emphasis on freedom, democracy, and human rights, and mentions of "multi-stakeholder international organisations" and "multi-stakeholder processes" indicate that the HAP isn't expected to address AI regulation from a state-centric perspective. Instead, it exists to account for the importance of involving multiple stakeholders in various processes and to ensure the latter are fair and transparent.

The task before the HAP is really challenging considering the divergence among G-7 countries in, among other things, regulating risks arising out of applying AI.

It can help these countries develop a common understanding on some key regulatory issues while ensuring that any disagreement doesn't result in complete discord.

For now, there are three ways in which the HAP can move forward – it can enable the G-7 countries to move towards a divergent regulation based on shared norms, principles and guiding values; it can become overwhelmed by the divergent views among the G-7 countries and fail to deliver any meaningful solution; or it can deliver a mixed outcome with some convergence on certain issues and at the same time a lack of common ground on many others.

Is there an example of how the process can help?

The matter of intellectual property rights (IPR) offers an example of how the HAP can help. Here, the question is whether training a generative AI model, like ChatGPT, on copyrighted material constitutes a copyright violation.

While IPR in the context of AI finds mention in the communiqué, the relationship between AI and IPR and in different jurisdictions is not clear. There have been several conflicting interpretations and judicial pronouncements. The HAP can help the G-7 countries move towards a consensus on this issue by specifying guiding rules and principles related to AI and IPR.

For example, the process can bring greater clarity to the role and scope of the 'fair use' doctrine in the use of AI for various purposes.

Generally, the 'fair use' exception is invoked to allow activities like teaching, research, and criticism to continue without seeking the copyright-owner's permission to use their material. Whether use of copyrighted materials in datasets for machine learning is fair use is a controversial issue.

As an example, the HAP can develop a common guideline for G-7 countries that permits the use of copyrighted materials in datasets for machine-learning as 'fair use', subject to some conditions.

It can also differentiate use for machine-learning per se from other AI-related uses of copyrighted materials. This in turn could affect the global discourse and practice on this issue.

What is the vision?

The G7 communiqué states that "the common vision and goal of trustworthy AI may vary across G7 members."

The ministerial declaration has a similar view: "We stress the importance of international discussions on AI governance and interoperability between AI governance frameworks, while we recognise that like-minded approaches and policy instruments to achieve the common vision and goal of trustworthy AI may vary across G7 members."

This acknowledgement, taken together with other aspects of the HAP, indicates that the G-7 doesn't expect to harmonise their policies on regulations.

On the other hand, the emphasis on working with others, including OECD countries and on developing an interoperable AI governance framework, suggests that while the HAP is a process established by the G-7, it still has to respond to the concerns of other country-groups as well as the people and bodies involved in developing international technical standards in AI.

It is also possible that countries that aren't part of the G-7 would want to influence the global governance of AI, and may launch a process of their own like the HAP.

Overall, the establishment of the HAP makes one thing clear: AI governance has become a truly global issue that is likely to only become more contested in the future.

Krishna Ravi Srinivas is with RIS, New Delhi. Views expressed are personal.

An eye for AI: The leaders of the G-7 countries attending a meeting during the G-7 Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima on May 19. AP

THE GIST

- The G-7 Summit, hosted by Japan, took place took place in Hiroshima on May 19-21, 2023. The leaders initiated the Hiroshima AI Process (HAP) to regulate Artificial Intelligence.
- With the help of the HAP, the G-7 countries could move towards a divergent regulation based on shared norms, principles and guiding values.
- It can develop a common guideline for G-7 countries that allows the use of copyrighted materials in datasets for machine-learning as 'fair use'.

INBRIEF

'Task force will be set up to protect wakf properties'

A task force will be constituted to protect wakf properties, according to Minority Welfare Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan *(in picture)*. The Minister told media persons in Bengaluru on Tuesday that measures would also be taken to construct compound walls for all wakf properties. He said that a divisional-level office wpuld be set up to protect the properties.

Cabinet will discuss demand for cancellation of NPS: CM

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday assured the NPS employees' union that the State Cabinet will soon discuss the demand for implementation of old pension scheme and arrive at a decision in the State Budget. He made the assurance while interacting with office-bearers of the NPS employees' union that demanded cancellation of the new pension scheme. He asked the government employees to work efficiently to implement the guarantee schemes of the government. OPTIONAL CUT FROM HERE: Former MLC V.S. Ugrappa said 2.98 lakh employees are covered under NPS. He demanded that the government drop disciplinary action against those who took part in the 'Vote for OPS' campaign. NPS has been cancelled in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, and should be cancelled in Karnataka too. The old pension scheme should be implemented, said Karnataka State NPS Employees' Union president Shantaram Teja.

Illegal mining case: Court attaches 82 properties of Janardhana Reddy and wife

The special court, set up to deal with criminal cases related to former and present MPs/MLAs in Karnataka, passed the order while partly allowing the application filed by CBI in 2015

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G. Janardhana Reddy

The special court of sessions, set up to exclusively deal with criminal cases related to former and present MPs/MLAs in Karnataka, has ordered attachment of 82 properties belonging to former Minister G. Janardhana Reddy and his wife, G. Lakshmi Aruna, till the adjudication of the corruption case related to illegal mining and export of iron case against him.

B. Jayantha Kumar, judge of the special court, passed the order on June 12 while partly allowing the application filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2015 for attaching a total 124 properties - six registered in the name of Mr. Reddy and 118 registered in the name of his wife.

The CBI had sought attachment of the properties under the provisions of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1944, while contending that the properties were purchased using money received from illegal mining and export of iron ore during the period January 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010.

However, the court did not attach the properties that were purchased prior to June 1, 2009, and ordered attachment of five properties registered in the name of Mr. Reddy and 77 properties registered in his wife's name.

Ms. Lakshmi had objected to attaching her property though she is no more an accused in the case. The court said that "she had not produced any document to show that she has acquired property independently other than the income of the companies of Mr. Reddy and other than the alleged ill-gotten money" from illegal mining by the companies owned by Mr. Reddy.

The court also pointed out that neither Mr. Reddy nor his wife have sought permission to give security in lieu of such attachment of property even though they had the option in law to furnish security to the satisfaction of the court to avoid attachment. While a majority of the property is in Ballari, the remaining are in Bengaluru, Chickballapur, Doddaballapura, and other places.

The CBI had sought attachment of the properties, worth around ₹65 crore, to recover the loss of ₹198 crore caused to the State exchequer by Mr. Reddy due to illegal mining. The attachment was sought as an interim measure apprehending that these properties could be disposed of by Mr. Reddy and his family members before the conclusion of the trial.

CM sets three-month deadline to install MRI and dialysis units in taluk, district hospitals

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah holding a meeting with officials of the Health Department in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Ministers G. Parameshwara and Dinesh Gundu Rao seen.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Siddaramaiah takes senior health officials to task for being slack in installing the units. He asks how can they provide good healthcare to poor people without such services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah took top Health Department officials to task over slackness in achieving the objective of National Health Mission which is reflected in lack of specialised doctors and inadequate installation of MRI and dialysis machines in taluk and district hospitals.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who pointed out such shortcomings at a review meeting of the Health Department, set a deadline of three months for setting right the anomalies.

"How is it possible to provide good health care to poor people if special services like MRI scanning and dialysis are not provided in taluk and district government hospitals?" he asked. "I will review the progress again in three months. The health officials will be held responsible if the situation does not improve by then," he said.

National Health Mission

Necessary steps should be taken to strengthen the health system through National Health Mission, he said, while pointing out that under this scheme, there is 52% shortage of specialist doctors, 31% shortage of MBBS doctors, and 18% shortage of nursing staff. He also instructed the officers to look into the demand for increasing their salaries and filling vacant posts.

The Chief Minister also assured the officials that the Managing Director for the corporation concerned would be given a minimum tenure of two years so that he could work effectively. His assurance comes in the wake of submission by officials that the last one year period during the earlier regime saw five MDs.

Pointing out that doctors were not residing in the hostels built for them in rural areas, he asked the Commissioner to ensure that they stay in the hostels.

M.B. Patil proposes vision groups to develop 7 key industry verticals

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil speaking at a meeting with leading industrialists, in Bengaluru.

The State government will constitute new vision groups to promote development in seven sectors, including aerospace and defence, machine tools, ESDM, core manufacturing, pharma, start-ups (non-IT), and auto/EV, said M.B. Patil, Minister for Large and Medium Industries.

He was speaking at a meeting with leading industrialists held here on Monday evening to exchange ideas about promoting industrial growth in the State. The Minister said these proposed vision groups, comprising industry experts, public sector officials and academic experts, would provide holistic guidance to the department and lead industrial progress in the right direction.

The government is also keen on promoting manufacturing and industrialisation in sectors such as future mobility, green hydrogen, food processing, textiles, and warehousing and logistics, Mr. Patil informed industry representatives. The State attracted investment commitments worth ₹2.8 lakh crore in the green hydrogen space from multiple players. Karnataka would set up the country's first green hydrogen cluster in Mangaluru to facilitate required infrastructure including land, water and electricity to investors, as per norms, the Minister said.

He added that the State government also planned to set up a Karnataka Aerospace Technology Centre at Devanahalli R&D Park to ease information dissemination, enable networks and market linkages, and create Common Facility Centre and incubation centres. Intensive efforts were underway to pursue opportunities worth approximately ₹2.5 lakh crore, he stated.

Mr. Patil further said an IFS officer of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests grade would be appointed within the industries department to facilitate resolving environment-related issues. He assured that his government would always consider the frank suggestions of industrialists and experts.

State keen to maintain new airports

The government is considering a proposal to bring the responsibility of operation and maintenance of new airports under the ambit of the Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation, according to Mr. Patil.

Disclosing this to media persons in Bengaluru on Tuesday, he said talks would be held with the Centre about operation and maintenance of new airports in the State. "Shivamogga airport is ready to commence operations, and the directorate of civil aviation has given approval for it," he said. The government also intends to operate and maintain Vijayapura and Hassan airports which are under construction, Mr. Patil said.

CAT stays transfer of IPS officer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has stayed the transfer of IPS officer Ravi D. Channannavar from the post of Managing Director, Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (KEONICS).

The tribunal's Bengaluru Bench comprising Justice (retd) S. Sujatha (member-judicial) and Rakesh Kumar Gupta (member-administrative) passed the interim order on a petition filed by Mr. Channannavar. He had questioned the transfer and posting order issued by the government on June 7.

The tribunal also stayed the posting of IFS officer Girish H.C. to the post of MD, KEONICS, from the post of Deputy Conservator of Forests and Member-Secretary, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

It was complained in the petition that his transfer was premature as he was posted as MD, KEONICS, only six months ago, as service rule assures minimum tenure of two years in a post.

Also, it was contended that the transfer was against dictum of the apex court on transfer and posting, besides being not for any public interest or administrative exigency.

Cong. high command likely to give pep talk to Ministers in Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress high command is likely to summon all Ministers from the State, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, to New Delhi either this week or next to give them a pep talk and ask them to spread the good word about the government policies and initiatives at the ground level.

Apparently worried about sidelining of party workers in some appointments, sources in the party said AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge and former AICC president Rahul Gandhi are likely to call Mr. Siddaramaiah and his Ministers to the national capital to convince them about the need for better coordination between the government and the party.

Following some complaints about neglect of party workers in appointment in offices of Ministers, the sources said the Central leaders have proposed to give ideas to Ministers on improving the image of the government ahead of next year's Lok Sabha elections. This is also essential ahead of the elections to State Assemblies of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, sources said.

A few party workers reportedly complained to the party high command about Congress Ministers appointing a few former journalists, who worked in the BJP government led by Basavaraj Bommai, as media advisers.

During the election, the Congress levelled a 40% commission charge against the BJP government and sought votes promising to provide a clean and corruption-free government. "What is the difference between the Congress and the BJP government if the same men are appointed as advisers to our Ministers?" a party functionary told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Kharge, Mr. Rahul Gandhi, and AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala are likely to hold a meeting with the Council of Ministers and ask them to ensure betterment in the lives of the people by implementing the government's guarantees. The Central leaders are likely to make a detailed presentation to Ministers on how various programmes and initiatives of the government can be beneficial to people. The meeting is likely to discuss the social media handlers of Ministers.

The high command is also likely to discuss ways and means to accommodate a few legislators who have been sulking following denial of Cabinet berths to them.

Delay in monsoon: Storage in Cauvery basin dams at 30% of installed capacity

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The water level at the KRS was 83.04 ft on Monday as against the full-reservoir level of 124.8 ft. FILE PHOTO

The cumulative storage in the four major reservoirs in the Cauvery basin in the State was at nearly 30% of their installed capacity as on Monday, raising concerns over the fallout in case of further delay in the onset of monsoon.

The Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS), Hemavati, Kabini, and Harangi can together store 114.57 tmcft of water as against which the available quantum as on June 12 was 33.81 tmcft. The cumulative storage on the same day last year was 64.51 tmcft, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC).

The water level at the KRS was 83.04 ft on June 12 as against the full-reservoir level of 124.80 ft, whereas it was 105.49 ft on the same day last year. The storage in the KRS was 25% of its actual capacity and the available quantum was 12.18 tmcft as against the gross storage capacity of 49.45 tmcft. The storage on the same day last year was 27.33 tmcft.

The Kabini reservoir normally tends to be the first dam to register an increase in inflow which helps alleviate drinking water scarcity. This is because the Kabini catchment is in the neighbouring State of Kerala where the monsoon sets in first. But the delay in the onset of monsoon has upset the regular cycle.

The water level in the Kabini reservoir was 2,249.7 ft as against the FRL of 2,284 feet on June 12 and the available quantum was 4.05 tmcft as against 8 tmcft on the same day last year.

The FRL of Hemavati at Gorur in Hassan district is 2,922 ft as against which the water level on Monday was 2,891.56 ft and the available storage was 15.01 tmcft against the gross storage capacity of 37.1 tmcft. Harangi in Kushalnagar has 2.57 tmcft of water against its gross capacity to hold 8.5 tmcft. The inflow into all the reservoirs is measly and is not helping to augment the storage levels.

The outflow is higher due to water discharge from canals to save standing crops and this will deplete the reservoir levels further. The cumulative inflow into all the four dams is pegged at 0.7 tmcft against which the cumulative outflow is 0.91 tmcft.

Former CJI launches app to provide legal aid

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Chief Justice of India M.N. Venkatachaliah launched the multilingual India Legal app, a helpline to enable citizens obtain legal assistance from their homes.

Mr. Venkatachaliah, who is also a patron-in-chief of India Legal Research Foundation, said the app will benefit a wide range of consumers, including a large legal community of 1.2 million lawyers and half-a-million students. "The app will help in disposing of around 70% new cases," he added.

First call from Meerut

The first call on the app came from Meerut. An employee alleged that his employer did not give him money. Mr. Venkatachaliah directed him to file a case against the employer and to approach the High Court.

Speaking about technology and the legal profession, G.S. Bajpai, Vice-Chancellor, National Law School, New Delhi, said the shape of the legal profession would be drastically impacted by the onslaught of technology in multiple ways.

Senior advocate Pradeep Rai said the app will support the underprivileged and those who do not have access to justice. Any individual can avail of this service through their nearest common service centres, or Jan Suvidha Kendra/Setu/e-Seva Kendra/Pragya Kendra, the release said.

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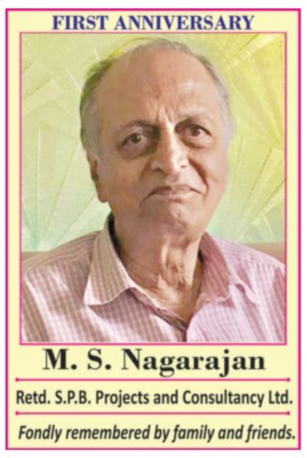

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Cancel culture: speaking truth to power or a form of mob vigilantism?

Many people have come to believe that cancel culture is no longer about holding people accountable, and has instead become an online form of vicious mob intimidation. They believe that it first and foremost affects free speech

Radhika Santhanam

In June 2020, author J.K. Rowling posted some controversial tweets about the transgender community. There was a swift and fierce backlash against her online, especially from trans activists and fans of Harry Potter. Rowling was then promptly "cancelled". The number of calls online to stop buying her books has only grown since then, as the author has refused to change her stance. However, Rowling herself has said in interviews that she does not consider herself "cancelled," as her book sales have only shot up since the controversy erupted.

Understanding the phenomenon

'Cancel culture' is a widely used contemporary term, but without a clear-cut definition. Broadly, when any perceived wrong, whether from two minutes ago or half a century ago, suddenly comes under scrutiny from a group of people online and results in public shaming, censorship, loss of friends and connections or even a job, it means that the person who has aired such a view has been "cancelled." Demanding accountability from people holding such problematic views is central to cancel culture.

Those who are "cancelled" for not ascribing to a particular view or value or norm are often public figures such as Rowling. However, we are also increasingly seeing online mob attacks on those without power. For instance, in May 2020, a woman, Amy Cooper, was walking her dog in Central Park in New York when she ran into a Black man and birdwatcher, Christian Cooper. Christian asked Amy to put her dog on leash, as was the rule in Central Park. When she refused, he tried to give the dog a treat. Amy panicked, called the police, and complained that an African-American man was threatening her. Christian recorded this on video, a part of which went viral. The public backlash for calling the police on a Black man for no reason resulted in Amy getting fired from her job at an investment company. Later, Christian said in an interview that even though what Amy did was racist, she did not deserve to get laid off. His opinion, however, did not really matter: their inter-personal interaction in the park had, through the virality of the video, become a matter of scrutiny for society as a whole. Therefore, what a group of people believed was the right consequence to her actions took precedence over what Christian himself thought.

It is also significant that this incident happened at the same time as the death of George Floyd, when emotions were high on social media.

Proponents and opponents

For many people, such swift collective action has come to signify a form of social justice. The idea of cancel culture began as a tool for marginalised communities to assert their values and norms against public figures who continued to cling on to power despite wrongdoing. Since changing the inherent structural inequality of society itself is not possible for such communities, cancel culture emerged as a way to change public sentiment. Proponents of cancel culture believe that people with enormous power and clout (such as Rowling) cannot be made to get away with statements or acts that affect individuals and communities who do not enjoy such power (such as trans people).

However, many also believe that cancel culture is no longer about speaking truth to power and has become an online form of vicious mob intimidation. They believe that it first and foremost affects free speech. Second, as the goalposts of cancel culture keep changing, individuals and organisations are selectively targeted and face different degrees of outrage. While some are made to feel embarrassed for a while, others are at risk of losing their careers. Also, instead of focusing on those who discriminate against others or propagate injustice of some kind, cancel culture has become a way of shaming anyone who does not agree perfectly with a view that a person or group holds.

Third, cancel culture often signifies the lack of ability to forgive and move on. The views that people held 20 years ago may not necessarily be the views that they hold today. Fourth, cancel culture has the tendency to club all kinds of people together – a common man who did something wrong has, thanks to social media activism, sometimes been "cancelled" in the same way that a politician making a hate speech has been "cancelled." And finally, cancel culture has led to people being constantly aggravated and frustrated with each other. They can't seem to move beyond that, to actually initiate change of the kind they actually want to see, for public sentiment is constantly changing.

Former U.S. President Barack Obama referred to cancel culture once saying, "This idea of purity and you're never compromised... you should get over that quickly." In a letter published in *Harper's Magazine* in 2020, a group of public figures including Margaret Atwood, David Brooks, Noam Chomsky, Francis Fukuyama, Atul Gawande, Gloria Steinem and Rowling wrote a public letter expressing concern about the trend but without referring to the term 'cancel culture'. They said: "The democratic inclusion that we want can be achieved only if we speak out against the intolerant climate that has set in on all sides. The free exchange of information and ideas, the lifeblood of a liberal society, is daily becoming more constricted. While we have come to expect this on the radical right, censoriousness is also spreading more widely in our culture: an intolerance of opposing views, a vogue for public shaming and ostracism, and the tendency to dissolve complex policy issues in a blinding moral certainty."

Predictably, this letter garnered criticism, with many defenders of 'cancel culture' saying it is simply a way of demanding accountability for statements and actions, and that the very same people who wrote this letter are perhaps afraid of their powers being increasingly questioned and their statements coming under scrutiny.

Conservatives in the U.S. have now latched onto the term 'cancel culture' as a cudgel to use against liberals whenever they face political adversity. Former President Donald Trump even called it a form of "totalitarianism." While cancel culture began as a way to correct power imbalances, it is also now being used by those holding positions of power against those it intended to help.

A nebulous term

Thus, today, the meaning of cancel culture may change depending on who you ask. For some, it is a form of harassment, for some a form of justice; for some a consequence of public misdemeanour; for some a form of mob vigilantism; for some a way to demand accountability and for some an act of censorship.

The truth is that it could be any of these. It often depends on your political prism, background, and importantly, the case at hand.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Che Guevara, the Argentine Marxist revolutionary was born on June 14, 1928. He was a major figure in the Cuban revolution. Here is a quiz on the leader

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

This was a Cuban vanguard revolutionary organisation and later a political party led by Fidel Castro. Guevara joined the organisation and sailed to Cuba with the intention of overthrowing U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista. Name the organisation.

QUESTION 2

Guevara's "hunger to explore the world" led him to intersperse his collegiate pursuits with two long introspective journeys that fundamentally changed the way he viewed himself and the contemporary economic conditions in Latin America. What were the two expeditions?

QUESTION 3

In 1953, Guevara acquired his famous nickname. What is it?

QUESTION 4

She was a socialist and was known for harbouring Guevara. Later, Guevara dedicated a poem to her called *Invitación al camino*. Who was she?

QUESTION 5

This was a failed military landing operation in Cuba in 1961, by the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front (DRF), consisting of Cuban exiles who opposed Fidel Castro's Cuban Revolution, covertly financed and directed by the U.S. government. What was the name of the operation?

QUESTION 6

This was a group, of mainly Bolivian and Cuban guerrillas led by Guevara, which was active in the Cordillera Province of Bolivia from 1966-1967. Name the group.

Visual question:

Where is this bust of Guevara located? What is the significance of this place?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Name the Celtics teammate who holds the second-best record for the most NBA titles. **Ans: Sam Jones**

2. The only other ABA team apart from the Denver Nuggets that went on to win the NBA championship. **Ans: San Antonio Spurs**

3. The team which won seven championships. **Ans: Golden State Warriors**

4. The championship winning NBA team that folded up in 1954. **Ans: Baltimore Bullets**

5. This player holds the record for the most championships as a player who represented three winning teams. **Ans: Robert Horry**

Visual: Tim Duncan won four NBA titles across three decades. This player matched the record. **Ans: John Salley**

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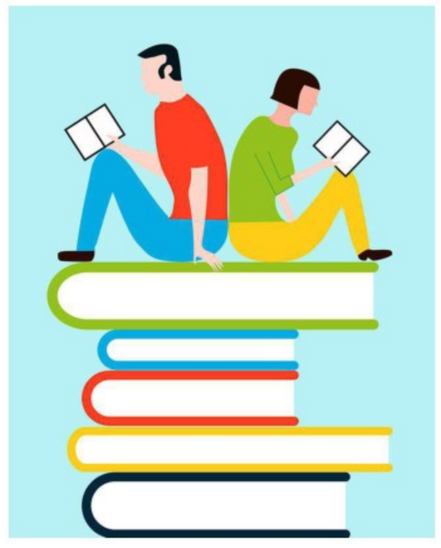

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

" Sir, Mr. G. Manga Rao, wants to know the meaning of 'rent the air'."

"'Rent' here is the past form of 'rend'. 'Rend' means 'to divide by force, split'.

Their cry rant the air.
Shouts of 'zindabad' rant the air.

'Rent' is used here figuratively. The past form of 'rand' should be distinguished from the noun 'rent'. The noun 'rent' is what you pay for the use of a house, room, etc."

"Sir, Mr. V. Krishnamoorthy wants to know which of the following is correct: (a) tidbit (b) titbit.

"Both are correct and both mean the same. 'Tidbit' is American and 'titbit' is British, it means 'a passing or choice bit of food, news, gossip, etc.'"

"Sir, a lot of readers would like to know the origins of the word 'OK' "

"The only certainty about the word is that it is an American word. It is used now by millions of people all over the world. There is no agreement on the exact origin of 'OK'. Some say that it was a word used by the Chocktaw tribe in America; some others feel that it was first used by President Andrew Jackson. A few feel that a railway clerk by name Obediah Kaily put his initials O.K. on the parcels he was given for dispatch. There are so many others, all interesting. But the explanation that is most acceptable seems to be that the word was first recorded in the *Boston Morning Post* on March 23,1858. "The above is from the *Providence Journal*, the editor of which is a little too quick on the trigger, on this occasion. We said not a word about our deputation passing "through the city" of Providence. – We said our brethren were going to New York in the Richmond, and they did go, as per Post of Thursday. The Chairman of the Committee on Charity Lecture Ballss (Thomas B. Fearing), is one of the deputation, and perhaps if he should return to Boston, via Providenca, he of the (Providence) Journal and his train-band, would have the "contribution box," et cetera, o.k. – all correct – and cause the corks tc fly, like sparks, upward."

Beginning in 1838, there developed a tendency in Boston to use abbreviations in speech and writing, 'g.t.d.h.d.' stood for 'give the devil his due', 'G.T.' for 'gone to Texas', 'M.P.L.' for 'Mistress of Polite Literature'. Academic degrees also were used in a funny way. AB – 'Apt to Blunder', AM – 'Apt to Mistake', LLD – "licensed to Lie Damnably'; M.D. – 'Maker of Dead men'. OK is said to be an abbreviation of 'all Korrect', a funny spelling used by some for 'all correct'. 'OK' appears to be a contribution of bad spelling to the English language.

'OK' is used in informal speech and writing and not in serious writing.

The car is OK now.
He has okayed my proposal.
We shall not meet next week, okay?
Published in The Hindu on April 26, 1988

Word of the day

Blandishment:
flattery intended to persuade; the act of urging by means of teasing or flattery

Synonyms: palaver, cajolery, wheedling

Usage: *He won't be moved by your blandishments.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/blandishmentpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /blændɪʃm(ə)nt/

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INBRIEF

Sasikala moves High Court against trial court decision

Former AIADMK leader V.K. Sasikala has moved the High Court of Karnataka challenging the cognisance of offence against her by a trial court in a corruption case against three staff members of Bengaluru Central Prison for illegally providing preferential facilities to her when she was lodged there. She was serving sentence in a corruption case against the former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa. The court ordered issue of notice to the Lokayukta police and adjourned further hearing till June 28.

KPCC chief denies allegations in antiquities dealer case

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee president K. Sudhakaran, MP, has accused Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan of hatching a conspiracy against him by including him as second accused in a cheating case involving Monson Mavunkal, a self-styled antiquities dealer. Mr. Sudhakaran said he would seek legal recourse and will not appear before the Crime Branch on Wednesday.

Two port officials arrested over Tanur boat tragedy

A special police team investigating the Tanur boat tragedy in Kerala arrested two senior port officials on Tuesday for serious lapses in the discharge of their duty. V.V. Prasad, senior port conservator in charge of the Beypore port, and Sebastian Joseph, chief surveyor at the Alappuzha port, were arrested by the police. Murder charges under IPC Section 302 were slapped on them. Twenty-two persons, including 15 children, drowned when the overcrowded tourist boat capsized on May 7.

Tamil Nadu CM condemns search by ED at Secretariat

The BJP leadership should realise that they can't succeed through backdoor intimidatory tactics, says Stalin, questioning the need for such a search

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

M.K. Stalin

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday questioned the act of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) searching the office of Electricity Minister V. Senthilbalaji at the Secretariat, though he had promised to cooperate with the officials and was ready to give a proper reply for any documents seized.

"I do not understand why there is a need for the search at the Secretariat. I do not know whether they want to convey the message that they could conduct raids at the Secretariat and use them to threaten us. It clearly shows that the investigation agency functions with ulterior political motives," he said in a statement.

The Chief Minister said the BJP government at the Centre would always make use of the agencies under its control against its political opponents. "I have been saying that it is the only way they know," he said. He sought to know why the raids were happening two days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited the State. "Mr. Shah strongly criticised the DMK government on a public platform and we issued proper clarifications [to those criticisms]. But the ED has launched an onslaught on the Secretariat and it amounts to denigrating federalism," he said.

Recalling the 2016 searches conducted by the Income Tax Department at the chamber of the then Chief Secretary, P.S. Rama Mohana Rao, the Chief Minister said that on the one hand, the BJP government was preaching federalism and on the other, it sent Central police forces to the Secretariat.

"Though the leaders of that regime [of the AIADMK] did not bother to condemn the action against State autonomy, I issued a statement against it. It is not important who faced the raids, but where it was conducted," he alleged.

Mr. Stalin said the people are watching the BJP's intimidatory politics and the BJP leadership should realise that they could not succeed through "backdoor intimidatory tactics", when it was unable to face others politically.

Degree student from Bengaluru drowns in sea at Murudeshwar

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A degree student from Bengaluru drowned in the Arabian Sea at Murudeshwar in Uttara Kannada district on Tuesday.

The Murudeshwar police identified the deceased as Pavan Naik, 20, a resident of Electronics City in Bengaluru. Naik, a third-year degree student from Reddy College in Koramangala, was at the beach with five friends on Tuesday morning.

Naik and two of his friends were stopped by the police and lifeguards when they tried to get into the water. The police and lifeguards asked them and other tourists to return to land as the sea was rough. However, the three ignored the warning and went into the sea anyway and got caught in the cross current. While Naik drowned, the lifeguards managed to rescue his two friends.

Another incident

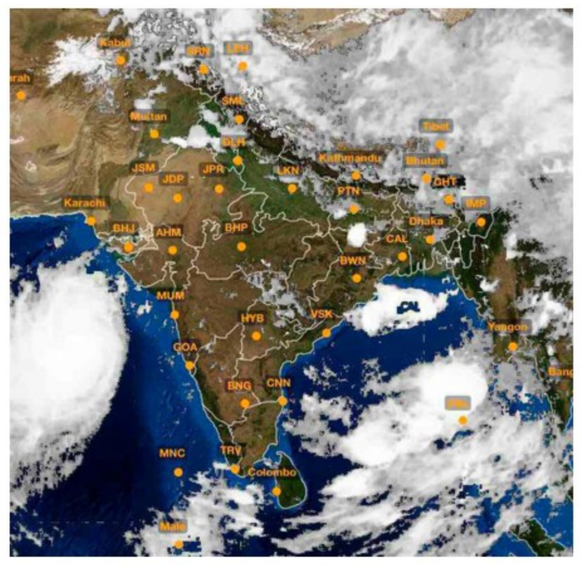
In a similar case, Santosh, 19, a resident of Kalghatagi, is feared to have drowned in the sea at Murudeshwar on Monday. The police said he and his friends had come to Murudeshwar beach on Monday. The police and the lifeguards had asked them not to enter the sea. Santosh and his two friends, Hasan Majagigowdar, 21, and Sanjeev Hebballi, 20, entered the sea. All the three got stuck in the cross current.

The police said that the lifeguards rescued Majagigowdar and Hebballi. The search for Santosh is on.

The police said some tourists have been ignoring repeated warnings. There have even been instances of tourists abusing lifeguards before entering the sea, the police added.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur and Sikkim. Heat wave conditions likely in isolated pockets of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Telangana

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.9	24.1	Kozhikode	49	31.4	23.4
Ahmedabad	—	38.2	29.0	Kurnool	—	38.6	27.3
Aizawl	—	35.0	22.4	Lucknow	—	42.5	30.5
Allahabad	—	45.4	31.6	Madurai	2	39.4	25.7
Bengaluru	21	31.5	21.4	Mangaluru	0.9	32.2	25.0
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	0.1	35.6	27.9
Bhubaneswar	0.1	34.2	25.6	Mysuru	—	34.0	22.4
Chandigarh	—	40.7	30.8	New Delhi	—	41.8	29.8
Chennai	—	40.6	29.4	Patna	—	42.5	29.3
Coimbatore	1	34.0	23.0	Port Blair	23	31.3	25.4
Dehradun	—	39.5	24.4	Puducherry	0.6	39.7	26.8
Gangtok	12	21.0	17.1	Pune	—	34.9	26.0
Goa	—	34.4	25.6	Raipur	3	42.4	29.6
Guwahati	8	35.0	24.0	Ranchi	—	39.8	28.6
Hubballi	—	34.0	25.0	Shillong	6	27.6	17.5
Hyderabad	—	39.4	26.8	Shimla	—	26.7	17.5
Imphal	6	30.8	20.6	Srinagar	—	30.5	16.0
Jaipur	—	40.8	30.2	Thiruvananthapuram	52	32.3	23.7
Kochi	5	29.0	25.2	Tiruchi	0.2	39.3	27.4
Kohima	17	23.0	17.5	Vijayawada	—	42.2	30.6
Kolkata	—	39.0	27.7	Visakhapatnam	—	36.5	29.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	7	—	35	121	99	
Bengaluru	26	11	100	45	56	
Chennai	3	94	68	60	55	
Delhi	5	32	32	265	339	
Hyderabad	11	12	47	109	91	
Kolkata	18	16	26	45	55	
Lucknow	7	42	43	259	234	
Mumbai	34	35	139	56	51	
Pune	118	175	113	61	54	
Visakhapatnam	14	47	17	82	123	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 259 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Man gets life imprisonment for killing woman in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
BHIMAVARAM

A local court on Monday awarded life imprisonment to a man for killing a woman in January 2022 under the Undi police limits in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

T. Adinarayana killed K. Mounika after she demanded that he should marry her. The duo had been in a live-in relationship after she left her husband.

The police said Mounika had pressurised Adinarayana to marry her as she was impregnated by him. Adinarayana invited her to an ice factory and later hacked her to death.

2 die after consuming liquor

The Hindu Bureau
MAYILADUTHURAI

Two men were found dead in a village near Manganallur in Mayiladuthurai district late on Monday, a few hours after they consumed liquor bought from a Tasmac shop.

The liquor was laced with cyanide and they were poisoned to death over a family feud.

Palanigurunathan, 56, a blacksmith of Thathankudi Main Road in Kuthalam taluk, was running a workshop on Manganallur Main Road. Poorasamy, 65, of the same area, was working there.

On Monday evening, they collapsed near the workshop.

Cooling it down

Getting ready: With the annual fishing ban set to end on Wednesday, fishermen are getting ready to resume their work. A fisherman is seen hauling crushed ice at Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour on Tuesday. V. RAJU

A.P. girl alleges sexual, mental harassment by mother

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

A girl approached the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the Child Welfare Committee, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, alleging sexual and mental harassment by a few people, including her mother.

According to the girl, her mother had allegedly sedated her and was forcing her into prostitution.

Protesting farmers handcuffed after arrest, triggers row

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Handcuffing of four farmers by Yadadri Bhuvanagiri police while bringing them to the Bhongir Sessions Court from Nalgonda district jail in Telangana kicked up a row with the Congress party taking strong exception.

The farmers were arrested for protesting to protect their lands falling under the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR) around Hyderabad.

According to T. Ravi Kumar, one of the farmers booked in the case, a large number of farmers held protest at Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri Collectorate for 48 hours on May 29 and 30 over losing their lands under the proposed RRR. Cases were registered against six farmers, two of whom got anticipatory bail while the rest were sent on a 14-days remand. The remanded farmers were taken to the court in handcuffs.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P. H. DIVISION, CUTTACK
e-procurement Notice for Bid Identification No. SEPH-DIVISION, CTC- 06 of 2023-24

1.	Name of the work	: 1 No of P.H. Work
2.	Estimated Cost	: Rs.233.89 Lakh
3.	Period of completion	: 6 months
4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	: From 11.00 AM of 16.06.2023 to 5.00 PM of 01.07.2023
5.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 5.00 PM of 01.07.2023
6.	Date & Time of opening of bids	: 11.00 AM of 03.07.2023
7.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: The Superintending Engineer, P.H.Division, Cuttack-753004, Odisha. Ph.(0671)2441063, email:-eephctcii@gmail.com; sephdctc521@gmail.com

Further details can be seen from e-procurement portal : https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
1. Name of the Work : Construction of IDCO Towers on Turnkey mode (Design, detailed engineering and Build) at 8 (eight) different locations under 4 (four) packages.
2. Procurement Officer : Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.
3. Bid ID/Tender reference No : P&C/EST/E-40/2023-24
4. Other details :

Packages	Package 1	Package 2	Package 3	Package 4
Locations	a. Sambalpur b. Jajpur	a. Berhampur b. Badbil	a. Balasore b. Paradeep	a. Angul b. Infovalley, Khordha
Period of Completion	30 (Thirty) Calendar months	30 (Thirty) Calendar months	30 (Thirty) Calendar months	36 (Thirty Six) Calendar months
Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	21.06.2023 to 28.07.2023 17.00 Hrs.	22.06.2023 to 31.07.2023 17.00 Hrs.	23.06.2023 to 02.08.2023 17.00 Hrs.	26.06.2023 to 04.08.2023 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.tendersodisha.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in and www.idco.in.
CAD-938 Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar OIPR-14003/11/0076/2324

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Registrar, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru – 56
No: BU/E-Gov/Tenders-ADV-01/2023-24 Date: 13.06.2023
E-Tender Notification
Bangalore University invites bids for the following tenders through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal; Details of the tenders are available at KPPP platform **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Bids are to be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Bidders are requested to adhere to the time schedule prescribed in the tender.

Sl. No.	Description of the Tender
1	Short -Term tender for competitive interest rates from eligible Nationalized Banks to place surplus funds in fixed deposits

Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, PHULBANI (R&B) CIRCLE, PHULBANI
Phone:-06842 254004 E-mail : sernbphulbani@gmail.com
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No.CCE_R and B_PLB_03 of 2023-24
No. 1019 Dated : 12.06.2023

1.	The **Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani** on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bid** in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for construction of the **Building works** as detailed in the table below from eligible contractors.		
2.	Nature of work	:	**Building Works.**
3.	No. of tenders	:	**Five Nos**
4.	Tender Cost	:	**Rs.10,000/-** (through online) only.
5.	Class of Contractor	:	**B & A Class**
6.	Date & Time of sale & receipt of Bids	:	**10.00 AM of 28.06.2023 to 5.00 PM of 12.07.2023**
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	**11.00 AM** of **13.07.2023**
8.	The Bidders shall have to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.		

Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani.
B-340 : OIPR-34129/11/0003/2324

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C)
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Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-1226/02/2016 18272 Dated : 08.06.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-Procurement
Name of the Work : Construction of Internal Road and Drains in Proposed MSME Park (South) at Panchapada, Jharsuguda.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 449.61 lakhs (approx.).
Period of Completion : 04 (Four) Calendar months.
Pre-Bid meeting is to be conducted on dtd. 03.07.2023 at 3.30 P.M.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Idco Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. PC/EST/E-33/ 2023-24	17.00 Hours of 23.06.2023	17.00 Hours of 10.07.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.
CAD-935: Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar OIPR-14003/11/0072/2324

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer,
R.D.W & S Division, Mandya
No: E.E/R.D.W&S.D/MDY/OUTSOURCETEND21/2023-24/276
Date:09-06-2023
Tender Time Extension Notification
Tender is invited for Providing Manpower Service in Mandya Division vide this office **Re-tender Notification No:15/2022-23 Dt:08.06.2023** is extended due to technical reasons. Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids:-**17.06.2023 Time : 05:30 PM,** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening :**19.06.2023 Time:05:30 PM**. Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening : **22.06.2023 Time:11:00 AM**. For More details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of karnataka **https://kttp.karnataka.gov.in** or from this office during working hours. Except these there is no other change in the original tender Notification.
Sd/-Executive Engineer,
DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMCA/538(A)/2023-24 R.D.W & S Division, Mandya

The next step

Ethnicisation and poor governance are stumbling blocks to peace in Manipur

In the aftermath of a conflict, a return to normalcy must be a necessary basis to address the grievances of the affected parties that led to the conflict in the first place. There cannot be any redress when groups engage in wanton and targeted violence against each other, use blockades to prevent the transport of supplies, and continue to prevent displaced people from getting back to their homes. Return to normalcy is the first step before grievances are heard to prevent another conflict from emerging. And in order to effect the first step, peace talks between eminent representatives – from civil society and political parties – in the conflict and tamping down any embers of violence that might continue following the conflagration are a must. The presence of paramilitary forces and the appeal for peace by Union Home Minister Amit Shah after a visit to the tribal and the Imphal valley areas have helped stem the violence to an extent even if sporadic incidents of ethnic violence and arson have continued a month after the conflagration in Churachandpur, Imphal and other areas. But in terms of setting the conditions of peace which would entail the return of looted arms and the slow and sure return of those displaced to their battered homes, there has been little progress.

The Union government's constitution of a peace committee comprising eminent public figures in the State has hit a snag with many of them refusing to join it or suggesting that they have been added to the committee without prior consultation. The success of a peace initiative requires that all groups in a conflict are represented and includes representatives with public standing or a record that transcends their identities. The withdrawal of quite a few public figures from this initiative unfortunately reveals the ethnicisation of civil society in Manipur and complicates peace building. More worryingly, Kuki-Zo representatives have expressly withdrawn their names as the committee included the Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh, while a Meitei civil society group has raked up an unwarranted generalisation of the issue as one related to "narco-terrorism" to withdraw from the committee. The government should still not give up on persuading prominent political and civil society representatives to talk with one another. The fact that it requires the aegis of the Union government to push the envelope on any further step on this issue also reveals the failure of the Biren Singh administration in retaining the confidence of all parties. It seems that it is time for the Union government and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party to think of an alternative leadership that could ease the process of peace building as Mr Singh's actions, both in the run-up to the violence and in its aftermath, have either been ineffectual or shown up an inability to govern effectively.

Love all

There were few surprises in the singles events at the French Open

Sporting heroes, like celebrated authors, have a devoted following. With time, as tastes become more defined, the fandom narrows, leaving little scope for accommodating others. Novak Djokovic has often suffered this fate. Where his illustrious rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal were – and still are – wildly popular, universally, Djokovic was admired but not quite loved. Even the polyglot in him – he can speak Serbian, English, French, Italian, German and Spanish – did not fully endear him to fans outside Serbia. But his triumph in Sunday's French Open final against Norway's Casper Ruud might just herald that rare changing of the mind. The victory gave the Serb a record-breaking 23rd Grand Slam title, helping him steer clear of Nadal. At 36 years and 20 days, Djokovic is also the oldest man to win the Roland-Garros singles crown, a mark that Nadal had established last year, and is the first ever male to claim all four Majors at least thrice. A fortnight ago, Djokovic had trudged into Paris without a single final appearance since securing the Australian Open in January. In 20-year-old Carlos Alcaraz, widely considered the anointed one, he was faced with the tipster's favourite. But he left the French capital after winning the generational battle – Alcaraz is 16 years his junior and Ruud 12 – and regaining the World No.1 ranking.

For some, Djokovic's latest feat settles the debate as to who the greatest men's player of all time is, for this is an era where success at Grand Slam events is the ultimate yardstick. But where Djokovic is really head and shoulders above others is in his overall excellence. Unlike his peers in Federer and Nadal, and yesteryear greats such as Pete Sampras, Djokovic has seldom played a curtailed schedule. That he has won all four Majors, all nine Masters 1000s and the ATP Finals at least twice, and is just two trophies short of doing it thrice, is an ode to his health, fitness and time-tested genius. Among women, Iga Swiatek, with her third Roland-Garros win in four years and fourth Slam overall, proved that she has it in her to chart a dominating course. The Polish World No.1 was flawless until the final, and once there, elevated her play when the match tightened, clawing her way back from a break down in the third set against the Czech Republic's Karolina Muchova. In less than three weeks, Wimbledon beckons, and grass is a surface where her topspin game is not as effective. But the exceptional tennis nerd that Swiatek is, she is well capable of finding her feet, just like Djokovic, a seven-time champion at SW19.

Tax law in the shadow of the higher judiciary

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India's law of taxation is built on two central precepts. First, on the idea captured in Article 265 of the Constitution, that a tax may be imposed only with the authority of law. Second, on a principle of sureness, that any levy ought to be clear, consistent, and predictable. Both these precepts emanate out of a larger commitment to the rule of law, in particular to values of legality and certainty.

A reversal of judgments

Upholding these principles requires a commitment not only from the legislature but also from our courts too. But over the course of the last 12 months, there have been instances where the Supreme Court of India has undermined this commitment, by reversing well-reasoned judgments of High Courts, and by virtually enacting into existence taxes that lack legislative support. Two judgments, delivered by Justice M.R. Shah who retired from the Supreme Court on May 15, represent noteworthy examples.

In the more recent of the rulings, in *ITO vs Vikram Sujitkumar Bhatia*, the question before the Court concerned whether an amendment to a provision of the Income Tax Act, 1961, could have retrospective effect in the absence of legislative mandate.

The provision at stake, Section 153C of the Act, which stipulates the conditions under which a search made on a person's premises could result in the opening of proceedings against other persons and entities. Before an amendment to the law in 2015, Section 153C allowed the Revenue to proceed against third parties to a search, if material seized (such as money, bullion, jewellery, or books of accounts) "belongs or belong to" a person other than the one who was subject to the search.

At least three different High Courts held that the terms, "belongs or belong to," ought to be narrowly construed. In their reading, for incriminating material found during a search to serve as a basis for assessing persons alien to the search, that material must not merely relate to, or pertain to, such person but must "belong" to them. Therefore, a mere reference to a person's name would not by itself satisfy the law. There must be evidence that the material in question is the person's property.

To overcome these decisions, the law was amended in 2015. Section 153C now stipulated that assessments could be made against third parties to a search, even if the material seized – in the case of documents and books of accounts – "pertains or pertain to" the person or if information contained in those items "relates" to the person. The question turned to this: would the law apply to searches conducted prior to its enactment?

The central precepts on which India's law of taxation is built face erosion, as two judgments by the top court show

The amendment was not made expressly retrospective. In any event, as the Gujarat High Court held, it could not be so because such an application would impinge on rights that had vested on persons through the previous stipulation. This reasoning stems out of the idea that even if a law was merely procedural in nature, it would apply retrospectively only if it did not take away any substantive rights conferred on a person. Here, the Court found that the amendment was bringing into the fold of Section 153C a new class of assessees, who were previously excluded.

On April 6, the Supreme Court reversed this verdict. Its reasons for doing so, insofar as they can be gleaned from the judgment, are twofold. One, that the old Section 153C had been replaced by amendment, and the words "belongs or belong to" had been substituted by "pertains or pertain to," and, therefore, one must presume that the unamended provision never existed in law, not even before the date of the amendment. Two, that the new law is declaratory, in that it seeks to explain an earlier provision, and is hence retrospective.

Court as maker, not interpreter

However, these professed reasons do not add up. Section 153C may have been amended through substitution. But the phrase "belongs to" continues to remain in the provision. What the altered law does is to add an additional stipulation: that even material – in the case of books of accounts and documents – that "pertains or pertain to" a person can serve as a ground for fresh proceedings. Therefore, the amendment by no means asserts what was always the position, but, instead, seeks to expand the law's domain with an eye to the future. The Court, in holding that it will apply to past searches, has acted not as an interpreter of the law but as a maker of the law.

The judgment in *Union of India vs Ashish Agarwal*, delivered in May last year, is not dissimilar. Its many ramifications continue to be felt. In it, the Court resuscitated notices of reassessment that had been issued by the Revenue without any sanction of law. In doing so, it not only reversed the Allahabad High Court's judgment that had been carried to it on appeal but also verdicts rendered by at least seven different High Courts that were not before it. Parties to those cases, numbering in the hundreds and thousands, did not so much as get their audience in court.

The issue at stake in the case was simple. With effect from April 1, 2021, Parliament had enacted a new regime to govern reassessments of completed income-tax proceedings. But, despite the change in law, the Revenue continued to issue notices under a repealed provision, deriving authority, it believed, from executive notifications that extended timelines during the COVID-19-inflicted period. The High Courts declared these notices invalid, but also pointed out that the Income-Tax Department, if it so desired, was at liberty to invoke the new law, if the statute of limitation so permitted.

There is no doubt that the quashing of these notices would have had some effect on the revenue. There would have been cases where limitation had expired, leaving the authorities with no choice but to drop any proposal for reassessment. But if this situation called for mending, it was for the legislature to think of solutions.

Instead, the Court found – although this was not the government's pleaded case – that the "officers of the Revenue may have been under a *bona fide* belief that the amendments may not yet have been enforced". In other words, that state functionaries were ignorant of the law. In the Court's belief, mistakes of this kind must not be allowed to cost the exchequer. Therefore, the quashed notices were revived, and were deemed to have been issued under the amended law.

More than an encroachment

Through this, the Court was not only encroaching on legislative functions but was also striving to give life to what were otherwise entirely illegitimate actions. What followed the judgment was an especially bewildering situation, because the notices under the old law were evidently issued keeping in mind the preconditions that that law stipulated – as a result, this has only led to a fresh round of litigation.

What is more, in doing this, the Court also invoked its most infamous power: Article 142 of the Constitution, which allows it to pass orders for "doing complete justice to a cause". It has previously been held that this power ought not to be applied in breach of statutory law. Yet, here was a case where the Court not only resuscitated actions that lacked any legislative support but also reversed judgments that were simply not on appeal before it.

Article 265 of the Constitution forbids taxation without legislation. But if the Supreme Court is willing to play Parliament, this peremptory promise will remain illusory.

Musings on the frictions in India-Canada ties

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During a pro-Khalistani parade on June 4 in Brampton, Canada, there was a tableau that depicted a lady clad in a white sari, who was bloodied, with two soldiers training their guns on her. The board behind her read, "Revenge of attack on Shri Darbar Sahib". The side of the float carried the words, "Never forget 1984". Clearly, the tableau figures depicted were that of India's former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her assassins.

The Indian response

In a media conference on June 8, to commemorate nine years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration, the External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, was asked about the Brampton tableau. He chose not to refer directly to the offensive float though he indirectly indicated that it was "egregious". Instead, he focused, as he put it, on the "bigger" issue – the space Canada gives "to separatists, to extremists, to people who advocate violence." He added, "... and I think it's not good for the relationship and I think it's not good for Canada." Mr. Jaishankar did well to speak out, openly and forcefully, on Canada's hypocritical approaches on human rights issues and its decades long disdain for the territorial integrity of India.

This stated, it is remarkable that Mr. Jaishankar could not get himself around to take the name of Indira Gandhi. The glorification of "revenge" by anyone for the assassination of an Indian Prime Minister is an issue beyond party politics or personal pique for it concerns the dignity of the nation. This is so even if a Prime Minister took actions, like Indira Gandhi did in June 1984, that were controversial and the Congress party's role in the anti-Sikh 1984 riots was condemnable. Ironically, while Mr. Jaishankar did not name Indira Gandhi, the Canadian High Commissioner to India Cameron Mackay did. He tweeted, "I am appalled by reports of an event in Canada that celebrated the assassination of late Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi." Indeed, the country's positions would be better and more credibly articulated if the able, popular and powerful politician that Mr. Jaishankar has become does not completely obscure his former avatar of a distinguished diplomat.

Indian diplomats have the obligation to highlight the damage caused to bilateral ties when Canadian politicians support separatism in India

Diaspora and foreign policy

The ethnic Indian community, including the Sikhs, plays an important role in Canada's public life. There are currently some ethnic Indians in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's cabinet. At the press conference, Mr. Jaishankar mentioned Canada's indulgence of Khalistani elements (he did not use the word, but that is clearly what he had in mind) and aptly attributed it to 'vote bank' politics. It is the ethnic Indian, and, in this case, not restricted to a Khalistani-'vote bank' that had led Mr. Trudeau to comment on the farmers' agitation which was a purely domestic Indian issue. India naturally found Mr. Trudeau's remarks unacceptable.

Mr. Jaishankar's comments on Canadian attitudes to ethnic Indians provide an occasion to consider the Indian political class's approaches towards the diaspora which has gained political, financial and professional success in many countries. It has become a pillar of foreign policy, especially of the present dispensation which has also used Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity with a vast section of the diaspora to impress domestic public opinion. Also, whereever the diaspora is politically important, local politicians want to use Mr. Modi's popularity for their political purposes. The latest illustration of this phenomena was Mr. Modi's diaspora rally during his recent visit to Australia which was attended by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Following Mr. Modi's example, other Indian political players will also now play diaspora politics. The Congress's Rahul Gandhi's recent visit to the United States is a case in point. Thus, the tradition that Indian domestic politics will not be taken beyond the shores of India no longer holds.

Another significant issue which Mr. Jaishankar addressed during the media briefing related to the remarks of Jody Thomas, Canada's National Security and Intelligence Adviser. Speaking at a conference organised by the Canada Global Affairs Institute on June 2, Ms. Thomas said, "When I talk about foreign interference and economic security, I'm now talking of a number of state actors and non-state proxies. This includes Russia, Iran, India." That said, the actor that comes up most on these issues, and it is no surprise to anybody, is China. In response Mr. Jaishankar used the Hindi language phrase, "*Ulta Chor Kotwal ko daten* (The thief scolds the police)". He rightly dismissed Ms. Thomas' comment outright. India cannot be accused of seeking to influence Canadian domestic affairs if its diplomats openly interact with the Indian diaspora there. Indian diplomats have the obligation to point to the diaspora and others the harmful impact on bilateral ties when Canadian politicians support separatism in India. These diplomatic activities cannot be construed as interference in Canada's internal affairs.

Canadian politics

The harsh reality of the current Canadian political situation is that Mr. Trudeau is critically dependent on the New Democratic Party (NDP) for his government's survival and Jagmeet Singh, the NDP leader, is a committed Khalistan sympathiser. He had asked Mr. Trudeau to intervene in the events in Punjab surrounding radical preacher Amritpal Singh's activities. Coming from a Canadian government ally, this was naturally unacceptable to India.

Bilateral ties are passing through difficult times but cooperation in many areas continues. One eye-catching one is the Cannabis medicine project.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Data 'breach'

A number of Indians share their credentials such as Aadhar number, PAN, and passport details, trusting that their data would be protected by the Government. But incidents such as the alleged CoWIN vaccination data breach (Page 1, June 13) will only subvert their trust. Who will be held accountable? When the Supreme Court of India has ruled that privacy is a fundamental right, the absence of a robust personal data protection law is worrisome. It would be pertinent to note that the issue regarding the use of Pegasus to snoop has been diluted. The promotion of a digital India is linked to robust data protection.

M. Rishidev,
Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

Any form of data security breach, in an era of information, cannot be brushed aside. Hence, even if it "appears" that the "CoWIN app or database" was not "directly breached", the emergence of "previously breached data" is cause for concern. The government cannot afford to be complacent when it comes to information security.

A. Venkatasubramanian,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

There is much inter-data cross-linking. The reported breach is disturbing as there is no control over the way Aadhaar/PAN and mobile details are demanded every now and then by various organisations. The government cannot put out a simple denial. It needs to come clean on the safety of private personal data.

N. Nagarajan,
Secunderabad

Divisive agenda

I have my strong reservations about the Home Minister saying Muslims are not entitled to reservation. It is not clear how such a statement can be justified. One has to only read the Sachar Committee's report to understand the plight of Muslims. So long as Muslims are citizens of this country, are poor and not adequately represented in government, they qualify for reservation. The statement only reveals the divisive agenda of the national party in power. One hopes that the government abandons its divisive agenda and adopts an inclusive path to ensure the uplift of the weaker sections of society. To exclude the minorities and deny them reservation would be a betrayal, anti-secular as well as unconstitutional.

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

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Where anyone can be accused of sedition

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French author Andre Gide once said, "Everything has been said before, but since nobody listens we have to keep going back and beginning all over again." This captures the current state of the debate on sedition in India. The 279th Law Commission Report, laying down the grounds for retaining sedition, is starkly symbolic of how "nobody listens." The Commission has made three significant recommendations. The first is that Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code, which contains the law of sedition, be amended to incorporate the meaning of sedition which was laid down by the Supreme Court in *Kedar Nath Singh v. State of Bihar* in 1962. The second is that the minimum sentence be increased from three to seven years. The third is that First Information Reports (FIR) in sedition cases should be registered only after a police officer, holding the rank of an Inspector or higher, makes a "preliminary enquiry."

The 'tendency' jurisprudence

In proposing that an amendment be made to the law by adding the words "tendency to incite violence," the Commission deflects attention to the ambit of criminality rather than focusing on the source of criminality. The proposed amendment will not fundamentally alter the meaning of sedition as the offence of inciting hatred, contempt and disaffection against the government. The source of the crime remains political speech against the representative government in a democracy. The Commission claims that only those forms of expressions will be penalised which have a "tendency" to incite violence, but muddies the legal waters further by adding that "tendency" means "mere inclination to incite violence rather than proof of actual violence or imminent threat to violence."

This recommendation takes us back to the problem that was sought to be remedied by repealing sedition. 'Tendency' is a loose formulation which allows for those expressions to be brought within the ambit of law which have no proximate connection or direct causality with public disorder. The 'tendency' jurisprudence is an ambiguous standard for any judicial and executive mind, and the nine petitions currently pending before the Supreme Court, filed by persons who were arrested under the sedition law, as well as journalists and former service officials, reiterate this point.

Police power

After nearly two years of back and forth between the judiciary and executive in debating the validity of the law, the only addition to the existing scheme is the Commission's proposal that the police conduct a preliminary enquiry. However, as there is an even more ambiguous standard against which the police have to now judge a particular act on "mere inclination to violence," when no proof of violence or even actual threat to violence is needed, the Commission's proposal will cast a wide net on any act that appears seditious. A preliminary enquiry by a police officer will not remedy the fact that celebrating the victory of a rival cricket team or wearing their jersey might still be material which has the "tendency" to incite violence because the proposed amendment asks the police to not look for imminent threats to violence or proof of violence. It paves the way further for police power to reign, especially where the FIR results from complicity with those who have local, state, or national political clout.

The Commission also disregarded developments in foreign jurisdictions which have invalidated sedition laws stating that the "ground realities" are different in other countries. In fact, it turns a blind eye to the ground realities in India. One of the reasons why the Supreme Court in 2021 admitted multiple petitions challenging the constitutionality of Section 124A was the confusion caused by the *Kedar Nath Singh* precedent. If the ratio laid down in *Kedar Nath Singh* succeeded on the ground, India would not have today 174 cases of sedition filed against nearly 950 individuals for criticism of the government, or for acts such as watching a video or dancing to an "offensive" song. These data are borne out in 'A Decade of Darkness,' a study by *Article14* documenting all the cases of sedition filed since 2010.

A colonial law

In retaining sedition, it is clear that the message to the local police officer is to decide whether or not, for instance, a person holding a poster is "inclined" to incite violence without an actual threat to violence. These are not one-off instances of 'misuse' of the law that can be remedied via procedural reform; they instead make any of us potential seditionists. In such a case, the person will have to undergo the social stigma of being labelled a 'traitor' even before a trial is concluded, face a pre-trial system that favours incarceration over bail, face lengthy trials that result in more acquittals than convictions, and face punishment which has increased in gravity.

Finally, the Commission cites continuities from colonial times, such as the civil services and the police system, to justify sedition. It fails to distinguish 'colonial' as a merely historical category from a political system marred by domination, violence and inequality. Sedition is a colonial law because it creates a relationship of suppression between the political rulers and subjects, one that precludes accountability and a right to question. No linguistic change and procedural reform can remedy the problem that Section 124A poses in a post-colonial democracy.

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The JD(S) plan for resurrection

Speculation is yet again rife about a possible alliance with the BJP

STATE OF PLAY

Sharath S. Srivatsa

Amid attempts by the Janata Dal (Secular) to pick up pieces after its drubbing in the recent Assembly elections, rumours are again flying thick and fast about its possible future electoral arrangement with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The prospects of a poll arrangement between the two parties have frequently dominated the political narrative in the State since their 20-month-old coalition in 2006-2007. Before the 2018 Assembly elections, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had termed the JD(S) the 'B team' of the BJP. This resulted in a perceived loss of seats for the regional party as Muslims consolidated behind the Congress party.

The JD(S) has lacked a stable stance towards the BJP, which has always led to speculation of it having a "soft corner" towards the saffron party. Party leaders, though, vehemently deny having any truck with the BJP. Both within the legislature and outside, the JD(S) is seen to be constantly flipping its stance. It often sends confusing signals with its decisions, which party insiders say are dictated by the political circumstances of the time. This was more evident between 2019 and 2023 when the BJP government was in power in the State.

While both the BJP and the JD(S) are trying to ascertain the possible reasons for their loss in the Assembly elections, JD(S) chief H.D. Kumaraswamy's recent visit to New Delhi has led to the latest round of speculation that there could be an alliance with the BJP.

Though he has denied any such possibility, party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda challenged journalists to "identify a single political party that has never had any understanding with the BJP," which further fuelled speculation about the possibility of an alliance.

Over the past two decades, the BJP has failed to make inroads into the Old Mysore region, the stronghold of the JD (S). This is cited as one of the reasons for the likelihood of the two parties coming together. The JD(S) has considerable influence in at least six Lok Sabha seats in this region. The reasoning is that an alliance would benefit both: the JD(S) can negotiate for seats in this region to fight the Congress with the BJP, while the BJP can hope to get a foothold in the process. But there are also fears that if such an arrangement is struck, it would end up eroding the regional party's base in the long run.

The latest development comes at a time when the JD (S) has seen its worst poll performance after the 1999 polls. While the number of seats plummeted to 19 from 37 in 2018, the vote share shrank to 13.29% from 18.36 % in 2018. The Congress defeated it in the Vokkaliga hinterland, while the BJP too fought aggressively against the JD(S).

One of the major factors for the poll debacle, the party believes after its post-election reviews, was Muslim consolidation behind the Congress despite its "best outreach" to the community in recent years. The party thinks that the community is still suspicious of its future moves with the BJP, given the history of its ties with the national party, though Mr. Kumaraswamy was a vocal critic of the BJP's communal agenda and was in touch with religious leaders in the run-up to the 2023 elections. The 4% reservation given to Muslims, which was removed by the BJP government, is often communicated to the public as Mr. Gowda's contribution to the minority community during his tenure as Chief Minister in the mid-1990s. This, however, seems to have not made a difference with the community in this election. The top leaders are believed to be "hurt" by the way Muslims voted.

There is also a growing chorus among the party leaders from the districts to shed their "secular" stand and identify with the BJP. Another section believes that the party must understand the long-term repercussions of such a move, if it has to shift its political stance. Some feel that the party should also adopt a 'soft Hindutva' policy and align its policies accordingly. Party insiders acknowledge that these issues have come up for informal discussion, but the decisions have been left to the top party leaders to take.

The JD(S) is also yet to make up its mind to be part of the anti-NDA alliance. While it acknowledged having received an invitation to attend the meeting of opposition leaders convened by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, it is yet to take a call on attending it.

High burden of diabetes and BP in Kerala and West Bengal

Prevalence of non-communicable diseases was much higher in urban areas

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

The results of an Indian Council of Medical Research-India Diabetes (ICMR-INDIAB) study published recently in *The Lancet* show concerning levels of diabetes, hypertension, abdominal obesity and hypertriglyceridemia in India. More importantly, such high levels of disease prevalence were observed across the rural and urban regions of many States.

It must be noted that the burden of the above-mentioned non-communicable diseases and adverse health conditions is not equally high across all States. For instance, the prevalence of diseases such as diabetes was relatively low in rural Uttar Pradesh (0-4.9%). However, the region saw a relatively high prevalence of hypertriglyceridemia (≥25%) and abdominal obesity (≥25%). Similarly, in rural Gujarat, diabetes prevalence was relatively low (5-7.4%) whereas hypertension prevalence was relatively high (≥30%).

What is more worrying is that in some States (Kerala, West Bengal, Sikkim and Goa), the burden of all four – the two diseases and the two adverse conditions – was alarmingly high. In these States, there was relatively high prevalence of diabetes (>10%), hypertension (≥30%), abdominal obesity (≥25%) and hypertriglyceridemia (≥20%). The authors of the paper have cited the wide variations among States in disease burden and have called for State-specific policies and interventions rather than a blanket approach.

The survey was conducted between November 2008 and December 2020 across 31 States and Union Territories among 1,19,022 individuals who were 20 years or older. Some States such as Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra were surveyed between 2008 and 2010, while others such as West Bengal and Odisha were surveyed between 2019 and 2020.

In the survey, abdominal obesity is defined as a waist circumference of 90 cm or higher for men and 80 cm or higher for women. Abdominal obesity or visceral fat has been linked to metabolic disturbances and increased risk for cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes. In women, it is also associated with breast cancer and the need for gallbladder surgery.

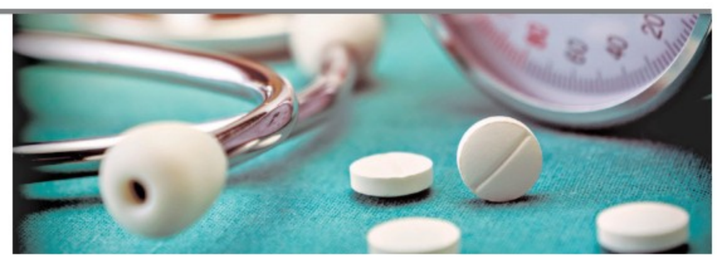
Hypertriglyceridemia is defined as serum triglyceride concentrations of 150 mg/dL (1.7 mmol/L) or higher in the blood. According to the Harvard Medical School's blog, high levels of triglycerides can be one of the signs of metabolic syndrome, which increases the risk of having a heart attack or stroke. Extremely high levels (1,000 mg/dL or more) of triglycerides can lead to acute pancreatitis.

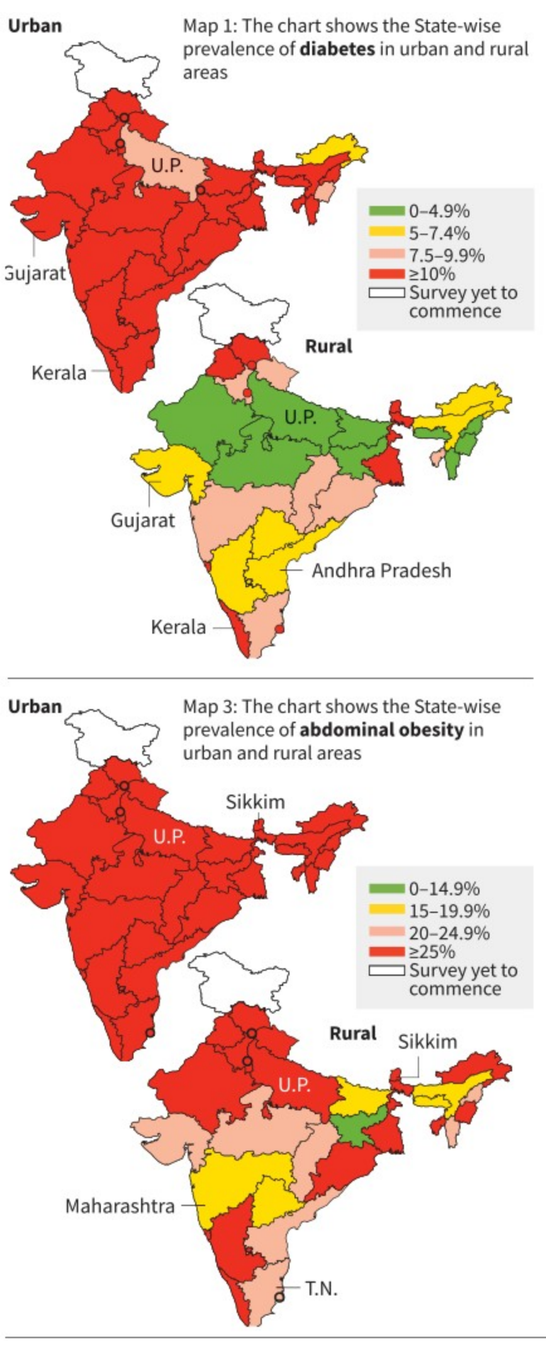
The maps show the rural-urban prevalence of the two diseases and the two adverse health conditions across States. **Map 1** shows the prevalence of diabetes, **Map 2** of hypertension, **Map 3** of abdominal obesity, and **Map 4** of hypertriglyceridemia. In general, the prevalence of both the diseases and conditions was much higher in urban areas than rural. For instance, diabetes prevalence was >10% in 28 States/UTs if only urban areas were considered, whereas such a high share was recorded in only nine States/UTs if only rural areas were considered. Such a divide was seen across all diseases and conditions considered for this analysis.

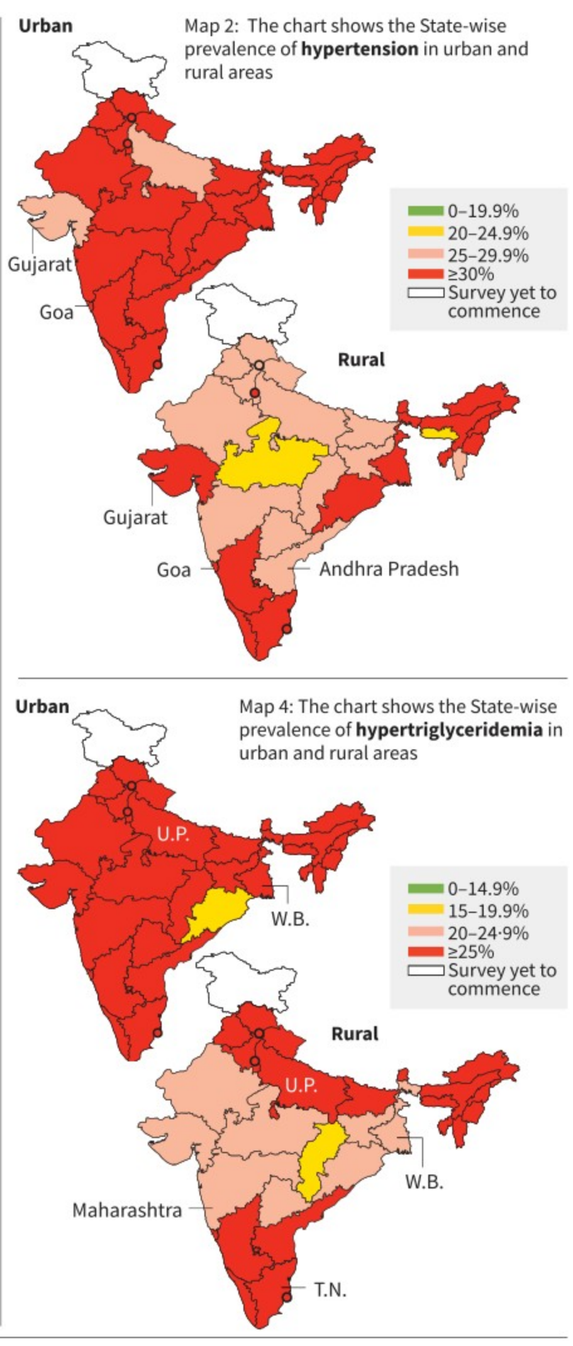
Overall, the study found that 11.4% of Indians had diabetes while 35.5% were hypertensive. Abdominal obesity was observed in 39.5% of individuals while hypertriglyceridemia was recorded in 32.1% of them. A slightly higher share of men (12.1%) had diabetes than women (10.7%). More men were hypertensive (38.7%) than women (32.6%). Hypertriglyceridemia was observed among more men (37.5%) than women (27.1%). But more women (49.6%) had abdominal obesity than men (28.8%).

State of health

The maps were sourced from *The Lancet* report titled "Metabolic non-communicable disease health report of India: the ICMR-INDIAB national cross-sectional study (ICMR-INDIAB-17)"







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FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1973

Sugar treatment to strengthen highways

Kuala Lumpur, June 13: Motorists who take sugar for granted may soon be travelling along sugar-treated highways without knowing it, it was disclosed here. Delegates to a five-day conference here on "Road engineering in Asia and Australia" were told that sugar-treated soil-cement mixtures were more durable than unsweetened ones. According to a technical paper presented at the conference, the strength and durability of soil-cement mixture used in road construction is generally affected by a delay between mixing and compaction. Th detrimental effects of the delay are even more pronounced in tropical countries where the high temperature increases the rate of hydration of cement. But, according to the paper, the "addition of small proportions of sugar not only obviates these detrimental effects, but also under certain conditions increases the strength of the soil-cement." The Malaysian Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak, who opened the conference on Monday, in fact expressed surprise over the experimental use of sugar for road construction purposes. He said: "There is an intriguing paper amongst the many submitted for discussions namely 'the effect of maturity on the strength and durability of sugar-treated soil-cement'. This perhaps might lead to greater use of sugar resulting in cheaper roads but I hope in propounding its use, you would not cause a scarcity of this commodity in world market thus escalating the price of sugar." The conference, which ends on Friday, is being attended by about 250 delegates from 17 countries, including India, Australia, Britain, Canada, France, Japan, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1923

Burma oil

London, June 13: Presiding at the annual meeting of the Burmah Oil Company at Glasgow, Sir John Cargill and the policy of lower prices for kerosine than comparative market values had resulted in great saving to India. Allegations in India that Burmah petrol prices were too high were unjustified in view of the fact that not a single gallon of foreign petrol had been imported. The larger profits for year were due partly to increased production, profits on exchange, lower taxation and increased investment revenue.

From Page One

Twitter faced threats, says former CEO

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said Mr. Dorsey was "doing politics".

"Jack Dorsey awakens after years of slumber, wishing to conceal his dark deeds," he told news agency *ANI*.

Mr. Dorsey quit as Twitter CEO in 2021 and Elon Musk purchased the platform in 2022.

While Twitter had decried a search at one of its offices by the Delhi Police in 2021 as a form of intimidation, neither the company nor the Indian government previously claimed or disclosed that homes of individual employees were at risk of being raided.

Account blocking history

Entire accounts, as opposed to individual tweets, were ordered to be taken down during the farm protests, such as an account associated with the Kisan Ekta Morcha, and that of activist Hansraj Meena. While Twitter initially complied, it restored access to the accounts following free speech concerns, earning the government's ire.

Under then IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, the firm appeared to have reached a compromise in February 2021. Past tweets by individuals were blocked as requested by the government, but entire accounts belonging to prominent news outlets, journalists, activists and politicians were to be allowed to remain functional.

The demands for censorship from the Indian government continued, most notably in an order to censor 857 tweets, many of which were critical of the government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under a forthcoming Digital India Bill, the Minister said that the concept of safe harbour itself may be done away with.

21,000 shifted to safety before cyclone in Gujarat

The cyclone could lead to extremely heavy rainfall of over 20 cm at isolated places in Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka, Jamnagar and Porbandar districts from June 13 to 15. Gusty winds and rain may cause extensive damage to standing crops, houses, roads, electricity and communication poles.

"Up to six-metre-high tidal waves are likely to inundate low-lying areas of Saurashtra and Kutch coasts," Mr. Mohapatra said.

The Gujarat government has deployed teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force and created over 500 temporary shelters in eight coastal districts.

Shelter homes have been set up with arrangements for rations and food packets. The administration has made plans to deal with the fallout of any health or medical emergency.

ED holds searches at T.N. Minister's chamber

The officers locked the chamber from inside and questioned the Minister's personal assistants and searched for documents related to the case. Another team searched his official bungalow on Greenways Road. Mr Senthilbalaji had cut short his morning walk and returned to his residence on learning about the operation. He told journalists he would cooperate with the officials.

Congress president Mr. Kharge said, "These are brazen attempts of the Modi government at harassment and intimidation. Such gross misuse of investigative agencies against political opponents has been the hallmark of the Modi government."

These tactics will not succeed in silencing the Opposition, he said.

Mr. Stalin said the "raid at the Secretariat" was a direct assault on the federal principle. "The backdoor tactics of BJP against its political opponents will not yield them desired results. BJP will learn it the hard way soon. The silence of people who are watching BJP's cheap acts of vindictive politics should not be underestimated," he tweeted.

In the Minister's native Karur district, the ED conducted searches at the house of Mr. Senthilabalaji at Rameswarapatti and five other places.

The ED officials, who assembled in Karur early on Tuesday morning, arrived at the search locations with Central Reserve Police Force personnel providing security. Unlike the Income Tax officials, who faced hostile reactions from DMK cadre, the ED officials did not face resistance.

Court orders Central forces for Bengal polls

The High Court also set aside the prayer that a retired High Court Judge should be appointed as observer to the polls. The WBSEC was also told not to deploy civic police volunteers.

While observing that the ultimate decision to deploy central forces will be made by the WBSEC, a Division Bench of Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharyya said that central forces will be deployed in areas marked sensitive by the Commission in its report submitted to the High Court. In the report submitted to the Court on June 12, the WBSEC has marked seven of the 22 districts of the State as sensitive.

UN needs to be more democratic and representative, says Rajnath

Defence Minister says the moral legitimacy of the United Nations is undermined when India, the most populous nation, is not a permanent member of the UN Security Council; he stresses that the global organisation must reflect current realities

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Commenting on the fact that India is yet to find a place as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday that the time had come for the UN and its bodies to be "more democratic and representative of the current realities of our age".

"When India, the most populous nation, does not find a seat as a permanent member of the UNSC, it tends to undermine the moral legitimacy of the United Nations. Therefore, the time has come for making the UN bodies more democratic and representative of the current realities of our age," Mr. Singh said at a seminar organised by the Army, along with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies and Centre for UN Peacekeeping, to celebrate 75 years of UN peacekeeping.

Counting milestones: Rajnath Singh at the 75th anniversary of 'UN Peacekeepers Day', in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

India has been one of the top troop contributing nations to UN peacekeeping operations. It has contributed approximately 2.75 lakh troops to the missions so far. Mr. Rajnath called for innovative approaches and enhanced cooperation among responsible nations to ensure the safety and effectiveness of UN peacekeepers who are deployed in violence-hit regions.

Better investment

Highlighting the emerging challenges being faced by the peacekeepers today, Mr. Singh stressed on the need to invest more in training, technology and resources for their safety and productivity.

"When there is a conflict, it is harmful to the directly involved actors. Moreover, it has negative externalities for those involved indirectly. There is a plethora of negative externalities that have emanated out of the recent Russia-Ukraine conflict. It has led to a food crisis in various African and Asian countries and has fuelled an energy crisis in the world. A conflict at a particular place or region creates ripple effects, which adversely impact the whole world. So, the rest of the world becomes a stakeholder in resolving the conflict. When conflicting parties restore peace, they benefit in terms of human lives saved, higher economic growth achieved, etc. The rest of the world also benefits as peace fosters stability and encourages economic growth," Mr. Singh stated.

In his opening remarks, Army chief General Manoj Pande said that currently there are close to 5,900 Indian peacekeepers serving around the world on various peacekeeping operations, including "female engagement teams" who work with women and children affected by conflicts. There are also women staff officers and military observers.

"Since the first deployment in 1950, Indian peacekeepers have served in almost all UN missions across four continents, making us the largest contributor to UN peacekeeping efforts, both in terms of personnel and resources," he added.

On the occasion, Mr. Singh unveiled a pictorial compilation of India's peacekeeping journey.

157 tender workers of NRC sacked in Assam

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The authorities of Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC) have laid off 157 contractual workers who were engaged in the exercise to update the list of citizens. The sacking of the circle project supervisors followed the decision of NRC State Coordinator Partha Pratim Mazumdar to replace the old employees with new ones.

The sacked supervisors filed a petition at the Gauhati High Court against the move by the NRC authorities. The court is expected to examine their case soon.

The NRC exercise has been in limbo since the complete draft of citizens was published on August 31, 2019, excluding 19.06 lakh out of a total of 3.3 crore applicants. The BJP-led Assam government and several NGOs found fault with the number of people excluded and demanded the re-verification of at least 10% of the names.

India, U.S. to diversify semi-conductor supply chain: Sullivan

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Strategic Trade Dialogue will address issues relating to export control, says India's NSA Doval

India's National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and the U.S. NSA Jake Sullivan met in New Delhi on Tuesday and discussed regional and global issues of mutual relevance, a press note issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) informed.

Later, Mr. Sullivan, who is on a two-day India visit, attended a round table on "Advancing India-U.S. initiative on critical and emerging technologies (iCET)" organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), where he said that India and the U.S. will "diversify global semi-conductor supply chains".

"The U.S. and India are poised to lead in clean energy transformation, shore up and diversify global semi-conductor supply chains and supply chains in other critical goods and lead the revolution in AI (Artificial Intelligence), advanced computing, biotech, and quantum computing," Mr. Sullivan said.

Presenting his ideas at the event organised by the CII, Mr. Doval recollected his visit to Washington D.C. in January.

"We have established a Strategic Trade Dialogue. It will serve as a platform to address regulatory barriers and issues relating to export control. It will be a very important element in this entire matter. iCET is going to be a very important pillar of our bilateral strategic partnership," Mr. Doval said, expressing the commitment of the governments in the iCET.

Blinken says economic ties centre of India-U.S. strategic partnership

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said economic ties are at the heart of the Indo-U.S. strategic partnership and added that the two countries are helping shape innovations of the future and the norms governing them.

Mr. Modi has been invited by U.S. President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden for a state visit, which will include a state dinner on June 22.

Addressing the annual 'India Ideas Summit' of the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) here on Monday, Mr. Blinken said, "At the heart of our strategic partnership is our economic ties. And under the leadership of President Biden and Prime Minister Modi – and private sector leaders like you – it is growing stronger by the day." Mr. Blinken added that last year trade between the two countries reached a record $191 billion, making the U.S. the largest trading partner for India. American companies have invested at least $54 billion in India – from manufacturing to telecommunications.

Shaping innovations: Ambassador of India to the U.S. Taranjit Sandhu (right) with Antony Blinken at the 'India Ideas Summit'. ANI

In the U.S., he said, Indian companies had invested over $40 billion – in IT, pharmaceuticals and more – supporting 4,25,000 jobs.

This February, Air India announced the historic purchase of more than 200 Boeing aircraft that will support an estimated one million-plus jobs across 44 States, the diplomat said during his address.

"We're here ahead of a historic State Visit by Prime Minister Modi – one that will further solidify what President Biden has called a 'defining relationship' of the 21st century," Mr. Blinken said. "We see this defining relationship in our unique connection as the world's oldest and largest democracies, with a special obligation to demonstrate that our governments can deliver for and empower all our citizens."

"India has joined three pillars of our new Indo-Pacific Economic Framework – committing to build more resilient supply chains, seize clean energy opportunities and combat corruption," he said.

"Together, we are helping shape the innovations of the future and the norms governing them – from artificial intelligence to quantum computing," Mr. Blinken said, and added that in January, the USIBC co-hosted a roundtable where the two governments inaugurated a new Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies.

According to Mr. Blinken, the trajectory of the Indo-U.S. partnership is filled with promise.

Diplomacy via mangoes: Hasina sends batch to Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday sent mangoes for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu, a statement from the High Commission of Bangladesh said.

The gifts mark Ms. Hasina's trademark diplomacy that she has shown in the past when she had sent mangoes and fish from Dhaka for her Indian friends. This year, the Himsagar and Langra mangoes were also sent to former Congress president Sonia Gandhi with whom Ms. Hasina has a long association. A batch was also sent to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Ms. Hasina has been often criticised by western countries for her handling of political dissidents and the latest round of mango diplomacy indicates that Dhaka is trying to boost ties with Indian leaders.

Two warships launched, keel laid for a third vessel at Chennai shipyard

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NEW DELHI

Two warships of different classes were launched into the water, while the keel of a third vessel was laid on Tuesday at Larsen & Toubro (L&T) shipyard at Kattupalli in Chennai. All these are being built by the Kolkata-based defence shipyard Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE).

The ships launched were *Anjadip*, the third Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Craft (ASWSWC), and *Sanshodhak*, the fourth Survey Vessel Large (SVL), while the keel was laid for the seventh ASWSWC, the GRSE said in a statement. Part of the construction has been sub-contracted to L&T Shipbuilding.

"We launched the first SVL on December 5, 2021, and thereafter we have been launching a ship every six months with the last ship being launched today," said Commodore P.R. Hari (retd), Chairman and Managing Director, GRSE.

Scaling new heights: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers launching two warships on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The contract for building four SVL ships was signed between the Ministry of Defence and the GRS on October 30, 2018.

As per the build strategy, the first ship would be built at GRSE, Kolkata, and the construction of the remaining three ships up to the outfitting stage has been subcontracted to L&T Shipbuilding.

Similarly, the contract for building eight ASWSWC ships was signed between MoD and GRSE on April 29, 2019, and four ships are being built at GRSE and the balance four ships subcontracted to L&T Shipbuilding.

"The ASWSWCs require less draft and can operate close to the coast, searching for underwater threats and neutralising enemy assets such as midget submarines and mines," the statement added.

Petitioners move SC for ban on Uttarkashi mahapanchayat

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Delhi University professor Apoorvanand Jha and poet Ashok Vajpeyi on Tuesday filed a petition in the Supreme Court demanding an immediate ban on the proposed mahapanchayat by right-wing groups at Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand on Thursday.

Terming it an attempt to incite communal riots, the petitioners urged the SC to intervene in the matter.

After a series of hate speeches made in *Dharam Sansad* organised in Haridwar in 2021, the SC last year had asked the State to "take corrective measures" against peddling of communal hate during events involving religious groups.

"If the mahapanchayat is allowed, it could lead to a rise in communal tensions," the petitioners said.

Meanwhile, the Uttarakhand police are planning to impose Section 144 of the CrPC in the town to prevent any gathering during the mahapanchayat.

APPEAL

Mrs. Pavithra is 31 years old hailing from a poor family. She suffers from Arthrofibrosis. She has to **undergo Surgery at Soundarapandian Bone and Joint Hospital, Chennai**. She is in urgent need of Rs. 2.5 lakh for her surgery. We appeal to you to kindly contribute any amount which will go a long way in covering the cost. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No. CNRB0016018) favouring **Women's Welfare Syndicate** is exempted under 80G IT **(Please do not mention patient name on the cheque)**.
All correspondence is done through WWS, Regd Public Charitable Trust, **Flat No.GF 1, Corddel Apartments, O.No.13, N.No.29, Pycrofts Garden Lane, Chennai-600006. Ph: 044-42137401/ 28235324/ 7338978027. E-Mail ID: womenswelfaresyndicate@gmail.com** Website: www.womenswelfaresyndicate.org **WWS**

Editors' Guild expresses concern over harassment of journalists

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Editors' Guild of India (EGI) expressed concern over the recent incidents of "intimidation" and "harassment" of journalists by Union Minister Smriti Irani and the CPI(M)-led government in Kerala on Tuesday.

The guild said that on June 9, Ms. Irani during a visit to her constituency, Amethi, in Uttar Pradesh had threatened a reporter with the *Dainik Bhaskar* that she would complain to the media house, while on June 10, the CPI(M) government in Kerala had filed an FIR against a reporter with *Asianet News* for her report against a Student Federation of India (SFI) leader.

"This trigger-happy approach to browbeat and harass reporters and news camera persons undermines the freedom of the press," it said. While *Dainik Bhaskar* subsequently said that the journalist was not associated with the newspaper, another journalist associated with the media house, who was at the spot, had been relieved of his duties, the statement noted. Urging *Dainik Bhaskar* to reinstate the journalist, the editors' body said it was "deeply disturbed by the intimidatory conduct of the Union Minister".

FIR filed

The second incident was of a senior woman journalist in Kerala, who was named as an accused in a first information report lodged by the State police, in response to a complaint filed by the SFI, the student arm of the ruling CPI(M) accusing her of being part of a "conspiracy" to defame him. "It is a matter of deep concern that mere reportage on political leaders can invite an FIR and questioning by the police. The guild urges the CPI(M) government in Kerala to withdraw the case against the journalist with immediate effect."

BJP borrowed 'dictatorship toolkit' from British: Cong.

Kharge says govt. has tried everything to suppress farmers' agitation, responding to ex-Twitter CEO's charge; party also alleges that Rahul's account was banned under 'pressure' from Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP government has adopted the "toolkit of dictatorship" that it borrowed from British imperialists, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said on Tuesday.

Mr. Kharge was responding to former Twitter chief executive officer Jack Dorsey's allegation that the platform was threatened with shutdown unless it complied with orders to restrict accounts during the farmers' protest.

The Centre rejected Mr. Dorsey's charge, and said that under his tenure, the social media platform had routinely broken Indian law. Mr. Dorsey quit Twitter in 2021 and made these claims in an interview with a YouTube news show, 'Breaking Points', on Monday.

Mr. Kharge hit out at the government saying the BJP was "embarrassing" the country. In a long post in Hindi on Twitter, he said the ruling party's parent, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, had worked for the British and against Indians during the freedom struggle.

He said the government had tried everything to suppress the farmers' agitation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi labelled them as "*andolanjeevi*" (agitators) and other Ministers, following his cue, called them "naxalites", "terrorists" and "traitors". "They [govt.] tried to block their [protesters'] way by laying barbed wire, erecting cement walls and laying nails on the road... 750 farmers lost their lives. Far from paying tribute and compensation to them, there was not even a minute's silence in Parliament for them," he said in a tweet.

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>
> **MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**
> Congress president

'Govt. stands exposed'

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said, "We demand that the government stop suppressing social media, stop suppressing, coaxing large sections of media into submission."

She alleged that Twitter had banned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's account under "pressure" from the government. Mr. Dorsey's allegation, Ms. Shrinate said, had exposed the government. "The Prime Minister is afraid because crores have been spent to build his image and that gets demolished when truth comes out," she added.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said, "The outrageous manner in which the media ecosystem is being manipulated. Dissent is intimidated, journalists threatened, abused and jailed on false pretext. No amount of denial by the Modi government can obfuscate the truth of doctoring media content."

Opposition leaders flay 'misuse' of probe agencies by Union government

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Nationalist Congress Party supremo Sharad Pawar, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her Delhi counterpart, Arvind Kejriwal, and CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury were among several Opposition leaders who condemned the searches by the Enforcement Directorate on Tamil Nadu's Electricity Minister V. Senthil Balaji. They were united in their view that the action was a blatant misuse of the agency against political opponents by the Union government.

The searches at places linked to Mr. Balaji and some others by the ED were part of an investigation into allegations of money laundering.

"I strongly condemn ED's incessant actions against the Ministers of Govts ruled by Opposition Parties. With the raids on Senthil Balaji's office, ED has now ventured to the southern States with its sinister motive to crush the voice against undemocratic Central Government," Mr. Pawar said on Twitter.

> Blinded by political vendetta, the BJP is causing irreversible damage to our democracy
>
> **ARVIND KEJRIWAL**
> Delhi Chief Minister

Mr. Balaji's office at the Tamil Nadu Secretariat was among several locations that the ED searched.

Ms. Banerjee described the "misuse" of Central agencies as "desperate acts by BJP".

"I condemn the political vendetta by BJP against DMK today. Misuse of central agencies continues. ED raids in Tamil Nadu at the office of Minister for Prohibition and Excise at the State Secretariat and his official residence are unacceptable. Desperate acts by BJP," she tweeted.

Mr. Kejriwal said the BJP was blinded by vendetta. "BJP's misuse of central agencies to harass and intimidate the opposition continues unabated. Strongly condemn the ED raids against Thiru V Senthil Balaji, Tamil Nadu's Electricity Minister. Blinded by political vendetta, the BJP is causing irreversible damage to our democracy," he tweeted.

Accusing the Narendra Modi-led NDA government of "weaponising" the ED to target Opposition leaders, Mr. Yechury said on Twitter, "Strongly condemn the ED raids at the office of Tamil Nadu Minister for Prohibition & Excise Thiru Senthilbalaji in the State Secretariat at Chennai."

In a setback to Nitish, Jitan Ram Manjhi's son Santosh Suman quits Bihar Cabinet

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

His resignation comes ahead of the Opposition meeting scheduled to be held in Patna on June 23

Ahead of the Opposition meet in Patna on June 23, former Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi's son Santosh Suman resigned from the Cabinet of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday.

Mr. Suman handled the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Welfare Department, and his resignation is seen a big set back for Mr. Kumar.

Mr. Suman tendered his resignation soon after meeting senior Janata Dal (U) leader and Finance Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary.

Asked about the reason for the resignation, he said, "There was a lot of pressure and we were continuously asked to merge our party in JD(U) and this offer was not acceptable to our leadership. The existence of my party was under threat so instead of merging, we thought of resigning. We have struggled a lot to form the party and there was no possibility of merging it."

He also clarified that the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) will remain with the grand alliance and had not left it yet.

HAM(S) supremo Jitan Ram Manjhi had earlier demanded five seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Mr. Manjhi was also disappointed over not getting an invitation to attend the Opposition meet in Patna on June 23. At present, the HAM(S) has four MLAs and one MLC in Bihar.

After this development, Mr. Kumar held a closed-door meeting at his official residence with JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan, Vijay Choudhary, Cabinet Minister Bijendra Yadav and Tejashwi Yadav.

Modi distributes 70,000 appointment letters for govt. posts at Rozgar Mela

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The recruits who received their appointment letters will be joining various government departments and organisations. ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that recently a "cash-for-jobs" scam was unearthed in a State where rate cards were fixed for every post.

He was addressing a Rozgar Mela where he distributed 70,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits in various government departments and organisations. Mr. Modi warned the youth about the ills of dynasty politics and nepotism in recruitment process.

Flags scams

Without taking names, Mr. Modi highlighted the "land-for-jobs" scam in which a former Railway Minister had acquired land in exchange for jobs. He said the case was being investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation and pending in courts.

"On the one hand, we have political parties that present a rate card for jobs; on the other, we have the present government that is safeguarding the future of the youth. Now, the country will decide whether the future of the youth will be governed by the rate card or by the safeguard," the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Modi said while other political parties were trying to divide people in the name of language, his government had been making language a strong medium for employment.

He said that emphasis on recruitment examinations in the mother tongue had been benefiting the youth.

The recruits who received their appointment letters will be joining the departments of Financial Services, School Education, Revenue, Atomic Energy, Higher Education, Audit and Accounts and the Ministries of Defence, Health and Family Welfare, Railways, Home Affairs and others.

ERCP Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project Corporation Limited
Sinchai Bhawan, JLN Marg, Jaipur 302017, Tel: 0141-2709667 Email: ceercpc@gmail.com
CIN U74140RJ2022SGC082962 PAN AAHCE 1798H TAN PRE02895E
No. 2545 Date: 05.06.2023
E-Notice Inviting International competitive Bid
(Single stage two envelope procedure)
On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, bids for **"Construction of Ramgarh Barrage, Mahalpur Barrage, Navnera-Galwa- -Bisalpur-Isarda Link project" in different packages (NGBI Link Package 1,NGBI Link Package 2 & NGBI Link Package 3) are invited on EPC single responsibility and Hybrid Annuity Model** from interested bidders up to 18:00 Hrs IST 06.07.2023 (date) as below

S/N	NIB No.	Name of Package	Estimated cost (INR In Crore)	UBN No.
1	ERCPCL/09/2023-24	NGBI Link Package 1	2066.47	ERP2324WLOB00014
2	ERCPCL/10/2023-24	NGBI Link Package 2	1807.83	ERP2324WLOB00016
3	ERCPCL/11/2023-24	NGBI Link Package 3	3913.87	ERP2324WLOB00015

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://sppp.raj.nic.in & www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd of the state.
Raj.Samwad/C/23/3856 **Managing Director**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Trivandrum Division
For and on behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction/ Thiruvananthapuram, invites E-tenders for the following works.

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Name of work
(1)	**E-tender notice no.:** V/TRDOT/05/2023-24 **Item no. 1**, Dated: 12.06.2023 **Name of work:** TVC Division - OHE modification in connection with raising of platform at various stations.
(2)	**E-tender notice no.:** V/TRDOT/05/2023-24 **Item no. 2**, Dated: 12.06.2023 **Name of work:** Cheppad (CHPD)-Kayankulam jn (KYJ) - Relocation of IOL in front of signal at KYJ and CHPD stations to improve reliability of OHE system
(3)	**E-tender notice no.:** V/TRDOT/05/2023-24 **Item no. 3**, Dated: 12.06.2023 **Name of work:** TVC Division –Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activities of 25 kV Traction Sub-Station at Ernakulam (ERS) for two years
(4)	**E-tender notice no.:** V/TRDOT/05/2023-24 **Item no. 4**, Dated: 12.06.2023 **Name of work:** TVC Division –Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activities of 25 kV Traction Sub-Station at Kazhakuttam (KZK) for two years.
(5)	**E-tender notice no.:** V/TRDOT/05/2023-24 **Item no. 5**, Dated: 12.06.2023 **Name of work:** Trimming of trees/cutting of branches posing threat to OHE under the jurisdiction of ADEE/TRD/NCJ for a period of one year.
(6)	**E-tender notice no.:** V/TRDOT/05/2023-24 **Item no. 6**, Dated: 12.06.2023 **Name of work:** Trimming of trees/cutting of branches posing threat to OHE under the jurisdiction of ADEE/TRD/KYJ for a period of one year.
(7)	**E-tender notice no.:** V/TRDOT/05/2023-24 **Item no. 7**, Dated: 12.06.2023 **Name of work:** Trimming of trees/cutting of branches posing threat to OHE under the jurisdiction of ADEE/TRD/ERS for a period of one year.

Sl. No.	Tender value	Period of completion	Earnest Money Deposit	Tender Document Cost
1	₹ 1744087.86	180 days	₹ 34,900/-	Not Applicable
2	₹ 65,57,395.87	180 days	₹ 1,31,200/-	Not Applicable
3	₹ 36,22,528.23	2 years	₹ 72,500/-	₹ 3540/-
4	₹ 21,94,040.89	2 years	₹ 43,900/-	₹ 3540/-
5	₹ 9,36,604.15	12 months	₹ 18,700/-	Not Applicable
6	₹ 11,82,898.51	12 months	₹ 23,700/-	Not Applicable
7	₹ 13,51,867.44	12 months	₹ 27,000/-	Not Applicable

Date and Time of tender closing: 11.07.2023 @ 14:00 hrs
Complete Details and Tender document will be available at **http://www.ireps.gov.in**
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कार्यालय अधीक्षक राजकीय शिशु गृह, बाल अधिकारिता विभाग,
गांधी नगर, जयपुर, फोन नं. 0141-2706480

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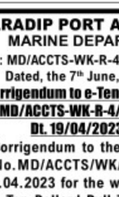
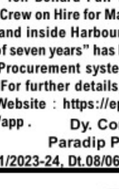
1	माहिरा 	F	16.05.2023	जनाना अस्पताल जयपुर के पालना गृह से प्राप्त	बाल कल्याण समिति, जयपुर
2	कनिष्क 	M	13.05.2023	पुलिस थाना संजय सर्किल जयपुर द्वारा प्राप्त	बाल कल्याण समिति, जयपुर
3	अनिल	M	09.02.2023	जे.के.लॉन अस्पताल जयपुर के पार्किंग से प्राप्त	बाल कल्याण समिति, जयपुर

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सीएसआईआर-संरचनात्मक अभियांत्रिकी अनुसंधान केंद्र
CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre
सीएसआईआर रोड़ CSIR Road, तरमणि Taramani, चेन्नै Chennai 600 113
अधिसूचना सं Notification No.SE-4/2023
कनिष्ठ अनुसंधान फेलो की परिनियुक्ति के लिए आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किया जाता है।
APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR ENGAGEMENT OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW
वॉक-इन-साक्षात्कार की तिथि/
DATE OF WALK-IN-INTERVIEW : 5th July 2023 (Wednesday)
विस्तृत अधिसूचना के लिए हमारे वेबसाइट www.serc.res.in के होम पेज में 'Recruitment' पर क्लिक करें। For detailed notification, please visit our website www.serc.res.in and click on 'Recruitment' from the home page.
प्रशासनिक अधिकारी Administrative Officer

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
No.: MD/ACCTS-WK-R-4/2022/749
Dated, the 7th June, 2023
THIRD Corrigendum to e-Tender Call Notice No.: MD/ACCTS-WK-R-4/2022/499 Dt. 19/04/2023
The 3rd Corrigendum to the e-Tender Call Notice No.MD/ACCTS/WK/R/4/2022/499 dated 19.04.2023 for the work "Supply of 01 No.60 Ton Bollard Pull Tug along with Manning Crew on Hire for Marine Operation at SPMs and inside Harbour at Paradip for a period of seven years" has been published in the e-Procurement system Government of India. For further details, please log on to the Website : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app .
Dy. Conservator, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/21/2023-24, Dt.08/06/2023

VIZHINJAM INTERNATIONAL SEAPORT LIMITED (VISL)
Thiruvananthapuram - 695 001
Phone: 0471 2328616
Selection of a PR Agency
Tender id: 2023_VISL_579580_1
Proposals from firms interested to provide **PR SERVICES** for Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited. Last date for submission of bids online is **14.07.2023**. Tender published in **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** (URL : https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/nicgep/app) on 02.06.2023.
Sd/-
for Managing Director

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Engineer (Project), 3rd Floor
Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(P)/ACE(Cstr & DCW)/351/2023-24 Date: 13.06.2023
INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through KPP-Portal) - 2nd Call
BWSSB, invites tender in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the work of **Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of STPs/ISPSs/Pumping Mains under Arkavathi, Anjanapura further Extensions Layouts of BDA, under Deposit Contribution Works.**
Amount put to tender: Rs.221.9 Lakhs. EMD: Rs.3.33 Lakhs.
Last date and time for receipt of tenders will be on **28.06.2023 upto 16:00 hrs**. The Tenders will be opened on **30.06.2023 at 12:00 hrs**.
The Details regarding the tender participation in the e-Procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.
Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Project)
DIPR/CP/BCPL/259/2023-24

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग वृत अलवर
सा.नि.वि, परिसर, अशोका टाकीज के पास, कचहरी रोड, अलवर, फोनः 0144-2737038
E-mail: sealw.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in
क्रमांकः 618 **ShortTerm NIT No. 04/2023-24** दिनांकः 31.05.2023
Bids for Construction of Missing Ling Non Patchable roads by 15 package as per Budget Announcement No. 94.0.0 year 2023-24 at alwar dist are invited from interested bidder from 05.06.2023 04.00 PM upto 15.06.2023 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (Http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and http://sppp.raj.nic.in of the state and http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in departmental website. The approximate value of the procurements is 4316.52/- Lacs.
UBN No:

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PWD2324WSOB03869	PWD2324WSOB03870	PWD2324WSOB03871
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PWD2324WSOB03708	PWD2324WSOB03712	PWD2324WSOB03716
PWD2324WSOB03727	PWD2324WSOB03728	PWD2324WSOB03729

DIPR/C/8448/2023 **Superintending Engineer PWD Circle Alwar**

Office of the Project Director (Housing)
Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & Infrastructure Corporation Limited
4-Sa-24, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur-302004 (RAJ.)
Tel&fax : 0141-4001187, Email: rudsico.housing@rajasthan.gov.in
No. RUDSICO/PD (H.)/Jpr/2023-24/379 Date: 06.06.2023
Notice Inviting Bid
Bids for Various Construction works at Dist. Baran, Kota & Nagaur are invited from interested bidders up to 18:00hrs, 26.06.2023 for Item no. 1 to 4 under two bid system on E-procurement for NIT 07/2023-24. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rudsico departmental website. The total approximate value of procurement is Rs. 2168.72 Lacs.
E-NIT No. 07/2023-24
UBN- RDP2324WLOB00023, RDP2324WSOB00024, 25 & 26
Raj.Samwad/C/23/3857 **General Manager, RUDSICO, Jaipur**

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02/23-24 dt 14.06.2023 **REGISTRAR**

LOOKOUT

Accused No.1

Accused No.3
Dileepkumar Tanti, Age 34/18, S/o Lattan Tanti, H.No. 40, Block 20, Kanginara P.O, Bhatpara PS Limit, North 24 Paraganas, West Bengal is accused No.1 and Bikash Singh Age 27/18, S/o Rajmangal Singh, 4 Patterson Road, Line No.2, Sahapara, Near Durgamaath, P.O., Hasinagar 743/35, Naihati PS Limit, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal is the accused No.3 in crime 266/CB/EKM/17 U/S 379, 420, 468, 471, 120(B), IPC & Sec 66 (C) (D) IT Act of Crime Branch Ernakulam, Kerala state. The accused persons have been absconding since the case was reported. If any information about them contact the phone numbers given below:
1. 9497996946 : Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch, Ernakulam
2. 9497990205 : Deputy Supdt. Of Police- II, Crime Branch, Ernakulam
3. 9497987290 : Detective Inspector- III, Crime Branch, Ernakulam
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INBRIEF

2 children among four killed after tanker explodes in Pune

At least four people, including a woman and her two children, were killed and three seriously injured as a chemical-laden tanker caught fire after overturning on the Pune-Mumbai Expressway on Tuesday, the police said. The accident took place just before noon on the stretch between Lonavala and Khandala after the tanker hit a divider, said a police official. According to authorities, while the driver of the tanker was charred to death, the cleaner was rushed to the hospital with serious injuries. Part of the flaming tanker fell off the bridge and killed a woman and her two children passing below, besides injuring two others, said the police.

Do yoga at office chair to refocus, Centre tells staff

The Centre has asked its employees to take a short-duration "Y-Break - yoga at office chair" to de-stress, refresh and refocus. In an order, the Personnel Ministry has asked all the Union government Ministries/Departments to adopt and promote yoga protocol for the people at workplace. "Y-Break at workplace was introduced by the Ministry of AYUSH with an aim to get de-stressed, refreshed and re-focused at the workplace. The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga has added new features for the officials, who owing to their busy schedule, cannot go out and practise yoga," it said. PTI

Mandaviya reviews cyclone preparedness

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday reviewed the measures being taken by the Centre and the Gujarat government to tackle any devastation due to Cyclone Biparjoy, saying he is in continuous communication with offices in the western States, including Gujarat, to provide support.

So far, no request has been communicated to the Ministry.

Cyclone Biparjoy, a "very severe cyclonic storm", is expected to cross the Gujarat coast on June 15.

Multidisciplinary quick response medical teams from Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), Safdarjung Hospital and AIIMS, New Delhi have been formed. Also, teams from the AIIMS in Jodhpur and Nagpur are kept ready to be mobilised in the event of any requirements for the same for providing emergency care and services. Besides, teams from NIMHANS, Bengaluru are also on standby to provide psychosocial care and aid to the affected population.

No CERT-in update yet on CoWIN data leak; experts demand transparency

The cybersecurity agency for India has not issued any statement or security alert directly on the leak of personal information; govt. had said data put out by Telegram bot was stolen previously

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian Computer Emergency Team (CERT-in), the nodal cybersecurity agency that deals with breaches and vulnerabilities in cyberspace, has not directly put out any update on its assessment of the leak of personal information of people who received COVID-19 vaccinations, registered on the CoWIN platform. CERT-in has not put out any alert to citizens that their Aadhaar or passport numbers, along with other personal details, may be hacked.

Additionally, a senior police official told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that no first information report has been filed following the breach. CERT-in was not immediately available for comment on Tuesday. While privacy, including informational privacy, was upheld as a fundamental right in the Constitution by the Supreme Court in 2017, the government has not passed a data protection Bill yet.

Big breach: A report said that the data is not from CoWIN directly, but from a 'threat actor database'. VIJAY SONEJI

The only information from CERT-in so far comes from Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar, who said that the cybersecurity agency had found that "data being accessed by [the Telegram messaging app] bot from a threat actor database... seems to have been populated with previously stolen data." It is unclear when this data was stolen and from where.

A report by private cybersecurity firm CloudSEK said the data appears to be not from CoWIN directly, but from a health worker who had inadequately protected vaccination beneficiary data. Commentators also pointed out that the data appeared slightly richer than what CoWIN possessed: namely, precise dates of birth were available for vaccine beneficiaries, though the CoWIN portal only collected the year of birth.

'Need probe'

Prasanth Sugathan, Legal Director at the Software Freedom Law Centre, said that CERT-in's investigation "should be a transparent process" that "should inspire confidence in citizens in their infrastructure".

CERT-in may soon be exempt from responding to the Right to Information requests as well, as a proposal for its inclusion in the Second Schedule of the RTI Act is pending.

The Department of Personnel and Training declined, in response to an RTI request, to provide *The Hindu* a copy of the proposal to exempt the body, and copies of inputs received from government agencies in response to the proposal.

Government rules out capping airfares

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government has ruled out the possibility of capping airfares during the ongoing peak travel season amid complaints of exorbitant ticket prices on certain sectors.

"In a deregulated environment, introducing fare caps on various sectors will lead to market distortion. The benefits of market competition will not be available to passengers at large," said an official of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The official added that since the meeting held last week with various airlines where they were told to keep a strict watch over airfares and develop a mechanism to control the fares in the highest bucket (typically sold closer the date of departure or as the aircraft nears full capacity), prices had seen a decline of 15% to 60%.

According to a report by the Airports Council International (ACI Asia-Pacific) airfares in India (41%) saw the highest surge in the Asia Pacific region followed by the UAE (34%), Singapore (30%) and Australia (23%). GoFirst's suspension of flights has also made matters worse.

Shah asks States to prepare disaster management plan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday asked States to prepare a disaster management plan in seven sites where new nuclear installations are to become operational. He asked the States to prepare a road map in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority.

Mr. Shah said the NDMA had visited the seven sites and strict protocols had been issued to the States for rescuing people in case of any emergency.

He chaired a meeting on disaster management with State Ministers. He also announced three major schemes for disaster management estimated at over ₹8,000 crore.

A ₹5,000-crore project had been allocated to expand and modernise fire services in States.

A ₹2,500-crore project was proposed for the seven most populous metros – Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Pune – to reduce the risk of urban flooding, Mr. Shah said.

The Minister said a ₹825-crore National Landslide Risk Mitigation Scheme had been planned in 17 States and union territories for landslide mitigation. Mr. Shah said workshops had been organised in 23 States for hot weather conditions. Suggestions were made by some States to give compensation to farmers and the government would certainly look into this. He said the States should also increase their budgetary provision.

The preparation of District Disaster Management Plans in 87 districts of eight States was still pending and they should be completed at the earliest.

Biparjoy will not impact monsoon any more: IMD

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Cyclone Biparjoy is now completely detached from the monsoonal flow and will not adversely impact the advance of the rain-bearing system or its performance, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday.

Scientists had earlier said the cyclone pulled the moisture and convection, impacting the intensity of the monsoon and delaying its onset over Kerala.

At a press conference here, IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said the cyclone, however, helped the monsoon advance over southern parts of the peninsula by increasing the cross-equatorial flow over the Arabian Sea.

The monsoon hit India on June 8 with its onset over Kerala, a week later than normal.

NCSC sends notice to Zomato, Delhi Police and YouTube over 'casteist' advertisement

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) has issued a notice to Zomato founder and CEO Deepinder Goyal over an "inhuman" and "casteist" advertisement that featured a Dalit character from the film *Lagaan* being used as a table, lamp, watering can and so on.

While the food-delivery platform withdrew its advertisement within days after facing a strong backlash from citizens, the commission said it had taken *suo motu* cognisance of the matter and commenced its own inquiries.

The NCSC has sent copies of the notice to the Commissioner, Delhi Police, and the Grievance Redressal Officer of YouTube India, saying that they launch their own investigations and submit action taken reports.

Vijay Sampla

Zomato launched the advertisement as a special feature for World Environment Day on June 5. In the advertisement, actor Aditya Lakhia is shown reprising his role as the Dalit character Kachra in *Lagaan*. He is shown being used as a lamp, paper, paperweight, watering can and different types of jackets, with the text below detailing how much Kachra was recycled to make each of these items.

According to the notice, the NCSC has asked the Delhi Police if any FIR had been registered in the matter and whether provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act had been invoked in the FIR. Similarly, the commission has also asked YouTube India where the advertisement was being streamed before it was taken down, to look into how it was allowed on the platform and what action had been taken for it.

'Inhuman depictions'

A statement from the NCSC said that Chairperson Vijay Sampla had personally taken up this matter. In a video statement released on Tuesday, Mr. Sampla said, "The ad film of Zomato company portrayed inhuman depictions and has hurt sentiments of Scheduled Caste persons."

Prabanjan and Bora Varun top NEET(UG) with perfect scores

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prabanjan J. from Tamil Nadu and Bora Varun Chakravarthi from Andhra Pradesh topped the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for undergraduate medical courses, the results for which were announced on Tuesday. They scored 720 out of 720.

The National Testing Agency conducted the NEET (UG) on May 7 for 20,87,462 candidates at 4,097 centres in 499 cities, including 14 outside India.

Overseas centres

The test was conducted in Abu Dhabi, Bangkok, Colombo, Doha, Kathmandu, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Manama, Muscat, Riyadh, Sharjah, Singapore, Dubai and Kuwait City.

The test was conducted in Manipur for 8,753 candidates at 34 centres in 11 cities on June 6.

According to a release by the NTA, the examination was conducted in Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. It added that seven candidates were identified using unfair practices in the examination.

The Directorate General of Health Services will conduct the counselling for 15% all-India quota seats, deemed universities, Central universities, seats of ESIC and AFMC, BHU and AMU. Candidates have been asked to visit the website *www.mcc.nic.in* for further information. "The details and schedule of counselling would be available on the websites of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Directorates of States," added the release.

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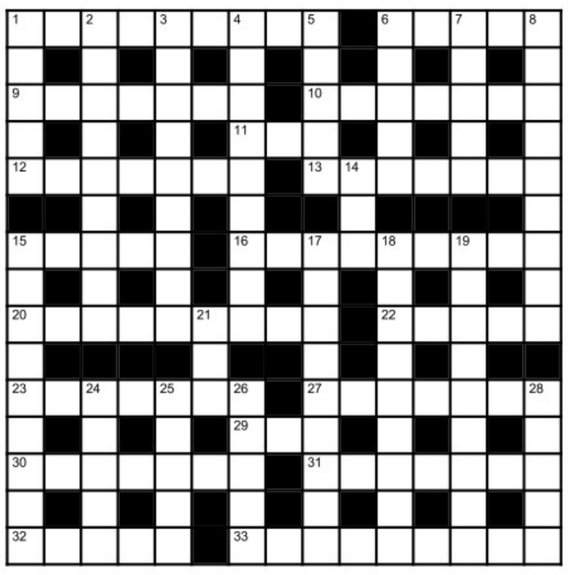

Across

1 We all, following our base principle of fair governance (4,2,3)
6 Cardinal is in taxi, returning (5)
9 Some ale, good piece of meat and a cotton cloth (7)
10 Sleeveless tunic representing male regalia (7)
11 John in Scotland, acting, jamming at home (3)
12 City, the English loosely managed (7)
13 Fed up? Do something with love, something real! (2,5)
15 Seen in South! A limited plate of North Indian food! (5)
16 Similar but hollow, misguided ethnic loyalty (9)
20 Understood and made folding mobile screen (9)
22 Gangster cut short like a fat chicken (5)
23 Can't play inside whole shrine (7)
27 California shoot-out league (7)
29 Russian regularly going to America (3)
30 Just an alien greeting/call? Not quite! (7)
31 Sit with pale, deformed club foot (7)
32 Expect time decay (5)
33 Form of small, short, regressive and true play (9)

Down

1/15 Things editors do over time for freedom of expression (5,2,7)
2 Legislations enforced by Kangaroo courts? (5,4)
3 Topless sexy lady's smart or ... (9)
4 Licked a long mint cake (9)
5 Would replacing leftist leader with one at the centre hurt? (5)
6 Short term for legal representative (5)
7 Cool one in race, scratching backside (5)
8 Trickster possesses million modus operandi for the guy on the street (6,3)
14 Bible's occasionally about decline (3)
15 See 1 Down
17 Popular fashion brand bearing cat sign (9)
18 One stuffing all choco shakes? That's hard! (9)
19 One minute dance put up without preparation (9)
21 'No-outsiders' group seen on vehicle from Uruguay (3)
24 Ben-Hur, born-free, liberal leader (5)
25 Silent one engaged in diplomacy (5)
26 Some of these lumber around (5)
28 Sue is otherwise? (5)

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FAITH

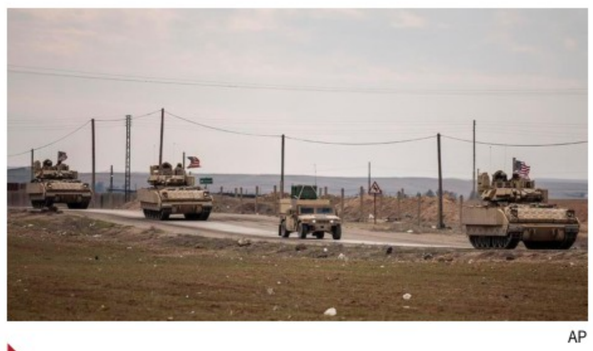
Message from Pandharpur

Throughout the year, many groups of devotees undertake padayatra from various districts to Pandharpur in Maharashtra, chanting the Lord's name and singing bhajans *en route*, reinforcing the efficacy of the holy site, said Suchitra Balasubramanian in a discourse. What is the simple, moral lesson Pandharpur teaches us? The life story of Pundalikan from Pandharpur reinforces the sanctity of caring for one's parents and shows how God Himself calls upon such servitors. Pundalikan was initially a self-serving man who ill-treated his parents. His distraught parents decided to leave for Kasi and sought a horse for the journey, but Pundalikan said walking was the best way. However, he and his wife soon followed them to Kasi.

Once, when they all halted near a *chatram*, Pundalikan saw a number of women wearied by travel enter the inn, but emerge glowing. Intrigued, he entered the premises, which was the ashram of Kukkutaswami, a saint, who did daily seva to his parents. Pundalikan learnt that the women were none other than the Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswati, Cauvery and many other rivers, in whom all devotees washed off their sins: the rivers in turn arrived at the ashram to cleanse themselves at the abode of the man who was deemed sinless by his act. This changed Pundalikan completely and he set up his ashram and cared for his parents. His change of heart had Lord Krishna arriving in person to see them all. At that point, Pundalikan, who was helping his parents rest, threw a brick outside, telling Krishna to sit on it and wait for his parents. Krishna waited on the *vittu* (brick) and upon Pundalikan's request, agreed to remain there for eternity as Vitthala.

DAMASCUS

Twenty-two troops injured in Syria helicopter mishap, says U.S.

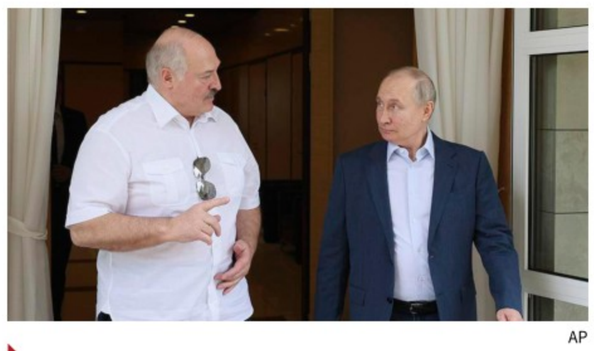


AP

Twenty-two U.S. service members were injured in a helicopter "mishap" in northeast Syria on Sunday, the U.S. military said late on Monday, without disclosing the cause of the incident. The U.S. military's Central Command said 10 service members were evacuated to higher-level care facilities outside the region. REUTERS

MINSK

Belarus to get Russian tactical nuclear weapons 'in several days'



AP

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said on Tuesday that Russian tactical nuclear weapons would be physically deployed on the territory of Belarus "in several days", earlier than previously announced. Mr. Lukashenko was cited as saying that Belarus was now ready to host the weapons. REUTERS

CARACAS

Iran and Venezuela have 'common enemies,' says Raisi in Caracas

AFP

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi began a rare diplomatic tour of Latin America on Monday with a first stop in Caracas, where he said his country and Venezuela are "friends" with "common enemies." His schedule is also set to include visits to Cuba and Nicaragua, who, like Iran and Venezuela, are all the target of U.S. sanctions. AFP

NABLUS

Palestinian youth killed, Israelis wounded in West Bank violence

AP

Israeli forces killed a Palestinian in a West Bank raid while four Israelis were injured in a separate shooting incident, on Tuesday, officials said. The Palestinian Health Ministry said a 19-year-old "was shot dead by the Israeli occupation forces during the aggression against Balata camp in Nablus." AFP

Russia says it has seized German, U.S. weapons

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Moscow said on Tuesday that it had seized several German Leopard tanks and U.S. Bradley infantry fighting vehicles, releasing footage showing Russian troops surveying the equipment supplied to Ukraine by Western countries.

"Leopard tanks and Bradley infantry fighting vehicles. These are our trophies. Equipment of the Ukrainian armed forces in the Zaporizhzhia region," the Russian Defence Ministry said in a statement. "Servicemen of the Vostok group inspect enemy tanks and infantry fighting vehicles captured in battle."

Russian missile strike kills 11 in Zelensky's hometown

Images from the attack released by Ukraine's President show firefighters battling a blaze at a damaged apartment building; Moscow says it targeted Kyiv's operational reserves and a depot

Associated Press
KYIV

Russian missiles rained down in a central Ukrainian city overnight, killing at least 11 persons and wounding more than two dozen in a warehouse and an apartment building, regional officials said on Tuesday.

The attack in Kryvyi Rih, President Volodymyr Zelensky's hometown, comes as Ukrainian forces are in the early stages of a counteroffensive.

Russian forces have unleashed overnight missile strikes repeatedly against targets across Ukraine in recent weeks, and Tuesday's toll was among the highest from a single attack. Images from the latest attack relayed by Mr. Zelensky on his Telegram channel showed firefighters battling a blaze as flames poked through broken windows in the damaged apartment building. Charred and damaged vehicles littered the nearby ground. Kryvyi Rih Mayor Oleksandr Vilkul said 28 people were wounded.

Mere spectators: Children at the scene of a Russian rocket attack that damaged a building in Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine, on Tuesday. AP

Russia's Defence Ministry said its military fired missiles at Ukrainian operational reserves and a depot with Western weapons and ammunition. It said all targeted facilities were hit.

Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, meanwhile, was attacked with Iranian-made Shahed drones, and the surrounding region was shelled, local Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said on Telegram. The shelling wounded two civilians in the town of Shevchenkove, southeast of Kharkiv.

'6,000 civilians killed in Myanmar after 2021 coup'

Agence France-Presse
OSLO

More than 6,000 civilians were killed in Myanmar in the first 20 months after the February 2021 military coup, a report published on Tuesday by the Peace Research Institute of Oslo said.

"Our data shows that the human toll of the conflict is higher than previously reported, and while the junta is clearly the main killer, anti-junta forces also have large amounts of blood on their hands," Stein Tonnesson, one of the two co-authors of the report, said in a statement.

The report said 6,337 civilians were killed "for political reasons" between February 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022, and 2,614 were injured.

That toll is much higher than others that have circulated, including those from international organisations.

According to the report, almost half of the deaths, 3,003, were attributed to the regime – the Army, the police and the militias – while 2,152 were attributed to armed opposition groups.

Twelve were attributed to other civilians not affiliated with either the regime or opponents, and 1,170 to undetermined actors.

Scary figures: A report said 6,337 civilians were killed "for political reasons" between February 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022 AFP

Man held after three killed in Nottingham

Agence France-Presse
NOTTINGHAM

The police arrested a man on Tuesday after three persons were found dead and a van tried to mow down three others in the central English city of Nottingham in incidents authorities believe are linked.

Nottingham's centre was cordoned off, with a heavy police presence, including some armed officers following the events that left residents shaken.

The polce said a 31-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of murder but they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the incidents.

There has been no formal declaration that it was a terror incident.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak thanked emergency services who had dealt with the "shocking incident" in the city, which is home to more than 3,20,000 people.

"My thoughts are with those injured, and the family and loved ones of those who have lost their lives," Mr. Sunak said.

Nottinghamshire Police Chief Constable Kate Meynell described the incidents as a "tragic series of events".

"We are at the early stages of the investigation and need to determine the motives behind these attacks, the official said.

Trump arrives at Miami federal court

Associated Press
MIAMI

Former U.S. President Donald Trump arrived on Tuesday afternoon at the federal courthouse in Miami to formally surrender to authorities ahead of his court appearance on charges accusing him of illegally hoarding classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

He was expected to face a magistrate judge, kickstarting a legal process that will unfold at the height of the 2024 presidential campaign and carry profound consequences not only for his political future but more urgently for his own personal liberty.

Security remained tight outside the building but there were no signs of significant disruptions.

Mr. Trump approached his arraignment with characteristic bravado, insisting as he has through years of legal woes that he has done nothing wrong and was being persecuted for political purposes.

But the gravity of the moment was unmistakable as he answers to 37 felony counts that accuse him of willfully retaining classified records that prosecutors say could have jeopardised national security if exposed, then trying to hide them from investigators who demanded them back.

Influential South Asian peer bullied woman journalist, U.K. House of Lords probe finds

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

An influential member of the South Asian diaspora and a Conservative Party donor, Rami Ranger, bullied a female journalist and campaigner for women's rights, a U.K. House of Lords probe concluded. The inquiry was based on a 2022 complaint by an Indian origin journalist, Poonam Joshi, who had alleged that Mr. Ranger had bullied her in person and on social media after she criticised an organisation, Hindu forum of Britain (HFB), with which Mr. Ranger is associated.

The U.K. House of Lord's Commissioner for Standards, Akbar Khan, said in his report that "on the balance of probabilities" Lord Ranger's conduct "did constitute bullying against Ms. Joshi" and breached the code of conduct. Mr. Ranger, who was made a peer in 2019, has apologised and agreed to attend training with regard to his conduct.

The news comes weeks after Tory MP Dominic Raab resigned as Deputy PM over aggressive behaviour

The news comes weeks after Tory MP Dominic Raab resigned from his post as the country's Deputy Prime Minister for behaviour that was termed "unreasonably aggressive" by an inquiry. The Lords report said that there was a power imbalance between Mr. Ranger and Ms. Joshi and that Mr. Ranger "was acutely aware of this imbalance of power and abused it by persistently undermining, humiliating and denigrating Ms. Joshi".

Mr. Ranger, as per tweets in the report, had called Ms. Joshi "filth and garbage". "You have a big mouth. Now shut it," he said in another tweet.

Ms. Joshi, who runs an organisation to help Indian women migrants who are victims of domestic abuse in the U.K., said in her complaint that she had taken issue with HFB's promotion of the so-called "god man" Nithyananda at its 2022 Deepavali event.

"In the light of the findings I recommend that Lord Ranger apologise to Ms Poonam Joshi about his conduct and undertake bespoke training and behaviour change coaching," the Commissioner said. He also said that he encouraged Ms. Joshi to tender an apology to Mr. Ranger "in recognition that they both bear a measure of responsibility" for the circumstances.

Defamation suit

During the probe, Mr. Ranger had said that Ms. Joshi's "barrage" of untrue and "defamatory" tweets had reputational impacts on him that led him to fear for his and his family's wellbeing. Mr. Ranger had also filed a defamation suit against Ms. Joshi. The suit has been settled on confidential terms, Ms. Joshi told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

The Foreign Press Association (with which *The Hindu* is also associated) tweeted its support for Ms. Joshi, saying, "Insulting, bullying and belittling journalists is unacceptable."

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Online bids are invited to procure 2000 MW power w.e.f. 06:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs from 1st November 2023 to 29th February 2024 on short term basis from various Generators/ State Utilities/ CPPs/ Distribution Licensees/ SEBs/ Trading Licensees as per specification under TN-19/RUVNL/FY 2023-24.May visit website www.mstcecommerce.com/ www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruvks/#/home/dptHome for further details.
RUVN/PR-56(2023)
Raj.samwad/C/23/3896
Superintending Engineer (PP)

E-mail:- sejjn.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in
Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD Circle Jhunjhunu
No. 420 Date: 5/6/23

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for 26 Nos. work of Road/Building work **(NIT 05/2023-24 dated 05.06.2023)** in Jhunjhunu Distt. are invited from interested bidders from dated 07.06.2023 to 16.06.2023 upto 03.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and pwd.rajasthan.gov.in department website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 8163.85 lacs.
UBN- PWD2324WLOB04324, PWD2324WSOB04326, PWD2324WSOB04330, PWD2324WSOB04335, PWD2324WSOB04338, PWD2324WSOB04344, PWD2324WSOB04347, PWD2324WSOB04360, PWD2324WSOB04361, PWD2324WSOB04362, PWD2324WSOB04363, PWD2324WSOB04364, PWD2324WSOB04365, PWD2324WSOB04466, PWD2324WSOB04367, PWD2324WSOB04382, PWD2324WSOB04383, PWD2324WSOB04384, PWD2324WSOB04385, PWD2324WSOB04386, PWD2324WSOB04387, PWD2324WSOB04388, PWD2324WSOB04389, PWD2324WSOB04390, PWD2324WSOB04391, PWD2324WSOB04392.
DIPR/C/8461
Superintending Engineer PWD Circle Jhunjhunu

Government of Rajasthan
Department of Archaeology and Museums, Rajasthan
(Albert Hall Campus, Ramniwas Garden, Jaipur)
Phone: +91 141 2820360, email: dirarchraj@gmail.com
No. A&M/EE/2023/7519 Dated : 02-06-2023

Notice for inviting E-tenders for Preparation of DPR & Supervisory Consultancy Services for the Conservation, restoration and development works at Jaldevi Mata Mandir, Sansera (Railmgra) Rajsamand

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor, Rajasthan Archaeology and Museums Department, Jaipur invites Technical and Financial proposals (offers) from reputed consultant firms for preparation of Detailed Project Report and Supervision work for the Conservation, restoration and development works at Jaldevi Mata Mandir, Sansera (Railmgra) Rajsamand-

NIB No.	UBN No.
AMD2324A0016	AMD2324SLOB00025

Complete details relating to eligibility criteria, broad scope of work, procedure for submission and terms and conditions and other information are available on the website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.
Applications duly completed in all respect must be upload on website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in as prescribed latest by 5:00 PM on 20.06.2023.
DIPR/C/8345
Dy. Director

APPOINTMENT

KLR Group is actively hiring suitable candidates for handling in **Domestic & International** at Drilling, Mining, Exploration, Agriculture, Real estate & Construction fields

Immediate Recruitment for Drilling Rigs for Sales & Marketing at **Domestic & International.**

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- B.Sc (Agri)
- Graduate in any stream

Interested candidates with/without experience having good communication skills and ability to learn may walk-in along with their updated CV at **KLR Corporate Office Plot No 8 & 9, Ground floor, Vertex Corporate Building, Jubilee Enclave, Opp-HiTex Entrance, Madhapur, Hyderabad- 500081.**

Note - Other than Hyderabad region they need to send their updated CV and shortlisted profiles they will get call for Telephonic & F2F Interview at same location. **Continues Recruitment for all working days @ 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

(or) E-Mail their resume to **hr@klruniversal.com** or contact on **9390337060 / 9347282323**

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KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E TENDER NOTICE
Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Transmission Circle, Kozhikode
E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_573377_1, **PAC-**Rs.3,87,34,944/-, **Last date:**30.06.2023, 03.00pm
Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer,Transmission Circle, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Kannur
E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_580800_1, **PAC-**Rs.4,16,24,284/-, **Last date:**24.06.2023, 05.00pm
Office of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Division, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Kannur
E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_580395, **PAC-**Rs1,71,12,556/-, **Last date:**23.06.2023, 05.00pm
Office of the Chief Engineer,(Civil-Investigation & Construction Central), Vydyuthi Bhavanam,Thiruvananthapuram
E-Tender ID:2023_KSEB_580197_1, **Last date:** 19.06.2023, 05.00pm
Visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** and **www.kseb.in**
Ref: PR/MC1/E417/ E- Tender /2023

E-mail:-sejjn.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in
Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD Circle Jhunjhunu
No. 430 Date: 6/6/23

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for 01 Nos. work of Road/Building work (NIT 06/2023-24 dated 06.06.2023) in Jhunjhunu Distt. are invited from interested bidders from dated 07.06.2023 to 16.06.2023 upto 03.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid ma be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and pwd.rajasthan.gov.in department website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1426.87 Lacs.
UBN:- PWD2324WSOB04452, PWD2324WSOB04465, PWD2324WSOB04471, PWD2324WSOB04482, PWD2324WSOB04490, PWD2324WSOB04494
DIPR/C/8474
Superintending Engineer PWD Circle Jhunjhunu

INBRIEF

EV maker Ozotec to raise ₹150 crore for expansion

Ozotec Automobile, a manufacturer of electric two-wheelers, said it plans to raise ₹150 crore equity for expansion. The company is setting up a separate production line to manufacture the Bheem model of EVs. "The capacity will be to make 2,000 to 3,000 vehicles a month," said director K. Barathan. Production of Bheem, designed and developed in-house, would begin in 3 months and deliveries would commence in four months, Mr. Barathan said.

U.S. FDA approves Granules' copy of hypertension drug

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA) has approved Granules India's abbreviated new drug application for hypertension drug Metoprolol Succinate Extended-Release tablets USP, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg and 200 mg. The product is bioequivalent to the reference listed drug Toprol-XL Tablets, 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg and 200 mg of Toprol Acquisition LLC. Metoprolol Succinate ER tablets' annual U.S. market is about $321 million, Granules said.

Bharat New-Energy unveils in-house developed battery

Bharat New-Energy Company, an electric vehicle manufacturer, has unveiled its in-house developed battery Etrol 40. Anirudh Ravi Narayanan, CEO and co-founder, said in a release that the 2.1 kWh battery pack had been tested for compatibility with safety requirements and latest standards. "It can be swapped and comes with a portable charger," he added. The company has set up a separate plant in Coimbatore with capacity to manufacture 1 lakh batteries annually.

Disinflation to be slow and long: Das

The RBI Governor sees the cumulative impact of central bank's monetary policy actions still unfolding; while retail inflation cooled to 4.25% in May, from 4.7% in the preceding month, analysts expect prices to remain sticky in the coming months

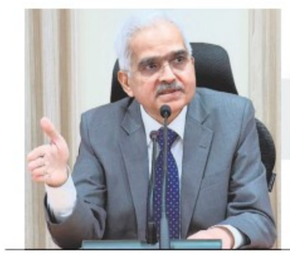
Reuters
MUMBAI

The disinflation process in India will be slow and protracted, with the 4% inflation target likely to be met only over the medium term, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Tuesday.

"The cumulative impact of our monetary policy actions over the last one year is still unfolding and yet to materialise fully," Mr. Das said in a speech at the Summer Meetings organised by Central Banking in London.

Slow disinflation

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das says retail inflation will reach the central bank's 4% target only in the medium term



- While RBI's inflation projection for FY24 has been lowered to 5.1%, it is still above the target
- The pause to rate increases in April and June does not signify a policy pivot, the Governor says
- Das adds that regulators cannot be oblivious to growth concerns given India's growing workforce

"While our inflation projection for the current financial year 2023-24 is lower, at 5.1%, it would still be well above the target," he added.

The RBI's monetary policy committee (MPC), headed by the RBI chief, is tasked with bringing down inflation to 4% over the medium term and holding it between 2% and 6% over the long term.

Latest data showed India's annual retail inflation cooled to 4.25% in May from 4.7% in April, but analysts expect prices to remain sticky in the coming months.

"As per our current assessment, the disinflation process is likely to be slow and protracted, with convergence to the inflation target of 4% being achieved over the medium-term," the governor said, reiterating the MPC's projection from last Thursday.

Mr. Das said regulators cannot be oblivious to growth concerns given the outsized addition to the workforce every year because of the 'demographic dividend' in the world's most populous country.

However, he reiterated that the RBI's pause in rate increases in April and June was not a pivot and did not signal a definitive change in policy direction.

"Our approach towards maintaining the stability of the Indian financial system is integral to our conduct of monetary policy as financial instabilities can undermine economic growth and impede monetary policy transmission," he said.

IRDAI nod for SBI MF to pick up to 10% in ICICI Lombard

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

During the quarter ended March, SBI Mutual Fund held a 4.62% stake in the insurance company

Insurance regulator IRDAI has accorded SBI Mutual Fund approval to acquire up to 10% of total paid-up equity share capital of ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company through market purchase.

SBI Mutual Fund has been advised by IRDAI to ensure that its total shareholding, including those of group entities or body corporate under the same management, does not exceed 10% of equity, the general insurer said in a regulatory filing on Monday.

The approval is valid for one year and subject to compliance with applicable provisions and conditions. During the quarter ended March, SBI Mutual Fund, through various schemes, held a 4.62% stake in the insurance company. On Tuesday, ICICI Lombard shares closed flat at ₹1,214.95 apiece on BSE.

MRF stock price climbs past ₹1 lakh mark intraday

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tyre major MRF Ltd. saw its share price rise above the ₹1 lakh-mark in intraday trade on Tuesday, the first Indian stock to hit the six-figure mark.

The stock touched a new intraday high of ₹1,00,300 on the BSE, before paring some gains to end the day 1.06% higher at ₹99,987.55. On the NSE, MRF touched an intraday peak of ₹1,00,439.95.

As of March, the promoters held 27.8% of the 42.4 lakh equity shares, each of ₹10 face value.

India Mortgage drafts new credit score

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) has created a credit score similar to CIBIL score for non credit-tested customers, a top official said.

"We have created a credit score, which will act as a substitute for bureau score and help those with a rating of 600-700 points," CEO Mahesh Misra said during an interaction.

"The new credit rating system is for about 30-35% of borrowers who are non-credit tested (salaried and non-salaried)," he said.

"The application is being piloted and will be rolled out in 12 months."

Mahesh Misra

The CEO said the firm planned to enter new markets and raise home loan-guarantee portfolio to ₹30,000 crore by FY24 against ₹20,000 crore done till date since inception in 2012. During FY23, IMGC processed more than 1,100 claims and provided guarantees to home loans worth ₹4,800 crore.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	63,143	0.67
US Dollar	82.25	0.21
Gold	60,680	0.04
Brent oil	74.15	1.82

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2462.55	-22.25
Adani Ports	737.85	-4.25
Apollo Hosp	4951.05	26.30
Asian Paints	3262.85	68.10
Axis Bank	985.85	11.65
Bajaj Auto	4755.95	-13.70
Bajaj Finserv	1486.20	20.20
Bajaj Finance	7166.75	69.05
Bharti Airtel	834.35	-2.00
BPCL	373.60	1.95
Britannia Ind	4940.10	39.85
Cipla	981.50	21.55
Coal India	228.95	-0.05
Divis Lab	3487.70	49.25
Dr Reddys Lab	4702.00	26.35
Eicher Motors	3592.65	2.05
Grasim Ind	1737.95	6.55
HCL Tech	1131.30	-8.35
HDFC	2645.90	5.10
HDFC Bank	1603.50	2.70
HDFC Life	584.80	0.40
Hero MotoCorp	2952.45	22.05
Hindalco	421.40	4.60
Hind Unilever	2675.90	32.45
ICICI Bank	943.55	7.60
IndusInd Bank	1336.25	3.80
Infosys	1304.85	12.90
ITC	445.40	8.45
JSW Steel	756.65	9.35
Kotak Bank	1855.95	-23.50
L&T	2354.40	14.45
M&M	1373.15	-8.25
Maruti Suzuki	9517.50	-32.95
NestleIndia	22492.60	203.25
NTPC	185.35	-0.35
ONGC	155.65	0.60
PowerGrid Corp	242.25	0.60
Reliance Ind	2520.85	36.70
SBI Life	1243.30	4.40
State Bank	576.40	-2.25
Sun Pharma	988.10	2.65
TataConsumerProduct	819.90	19.15
Tata Motors	562.20	-1.95
Tata Steel	111.15	1.65
TCS	3243.70	-3.20
Tech Mahindra	1079.40	4.65
Titan	2912.50	59.90
UltraTech Cement	8276.30	77.70
UPL	682.25	3.30
Wipro	395.55	-0.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 13

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.17	82.49
Euro	88.70	89.05
British Pound	103.27	103.68
Japanese Yen (100)	58.85	59.08
Chinese Yuan	11.49	11.54
Swiss Franc	90.66	91.02
Singapore Dollar	61.29	61.54
Canadian Dollar	61.54	61.78
Malaysian Ringitt	17.79	17.88
Australian Dollar	55.66	55.88

Source:Indian Bank

Brookfield's JV BAM to build ₹2,000-crore data centre

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

BAM Digital Realty will invest more than ₹2,000 crore to develop a new data centre in Mumbai as part of its India expansion plan.

BAM Digital Realty is a joint venture between Brookfield Infrastructure and Digital Realty.

In a statement, BAM Digital Realty said it had acquired 2.15 acre of land to build a new, state-of-the-art data centre, its second such unit in India.

"With a total expected investment of more than ₹2,000 crore (about $250 million), the facility will deliver 35 megawatts (MW) of IT load upon completion," the company said.

Accenture to invest $3 billion in Data, AI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Accenture said it would invest $3 billion over three years to enhance its Data and AI practices to help clients across industries rapidly and responsibly advance and use AI to achieve better growth.

To this end, the company would also double its AI talent base to 80,000 through hiring, acquisitions and training, Accenture said in a statement.

"There is an unprecedented interest in all areas of AI, and the substantial investment we are making in our Data and AI practice will help our clients move from interest to action to value, in a responsible way," said Julie Sweet, chair and CEO, Accenture.

Julie Sweet

The fresh investment will build on Accenture's decade-plus leadership in AI. The company's AI expertise spans more than 1,450 patents and pending patent applications worldwide and hundreds of client solutions at scale.

The firm had embedded AI across service-delivery approach, accelerating value for thousands of clients through its platforms such as myWizard and MyNav.

Promoters of Zee said to appeal against SEBI ban

Reuters
BENGALURU

Zee Group's promoters Subhash Chandra and Punit Goenka moved the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), challenging the Indian markets regulator's order that banned them from holding board positions in listed companies for alleged fund diversion, sources said.

The bench has posted the matter for further hearing to Thursday. Zee did not immediately respond to Reuters' request seeking comment. Shares of Zee Entertainment fell as much as 7% in early trading as worries resurfaced over a potential delay of its merger with Sony Corp.

Saint-Gobain plans captive thin glass unit for First Solar

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Saint-Gobain India is putting up a captive thin glass manufacturing unit for the U.S.-based solar module manufacturer First Solar at its World Glass Complex in Sriperumbudur.

"The thin glass manufacturing unit is being set up for the captive use of First Solar, which is setting up a 3.3 GW plant to make integrated photovoltaic thin film solar module at Pillaipakkam," said Saint-Gobain India Glass Business MD A.R. Unnikrishnan. According to him, the captive plant is getting ready and would be commissioned within six months.

A.R. Unnikrishnan

It is the first plant being set up by Saint-Gobain for a third party, in Sriperumbudur

Saint-Gobain India would be incurring a capex of ₹150-200 crore.

It also happens to be the first captive plant being set up by Saint-Gobain for a third party within its Sriperumbudur campus.

First Solar, meanwhile, is all set to begin trial runs of its plant by July 2023 and begin commercial production October onwards, said the company's India VP and MD Sujoy Ghosh.

First Solar will initially have an integrated factory with 3.3 GW capacity to make PV thin film solar module, which will be upgraded to 3.5 GW in two to three years.

"About 98% of civil work is complete. We will invest all the ₹6,000 crore [which was earlier committed]," Mr. Ghosh said.

Zydus gets U.S. FDA approval for two drugs

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Zydus Lifesciences said it has received the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's final approval to manufacture and market Diclofenac Sodium and Misoprostol Delayed Release Tablets USP, 50mg/200 mcg and 75mg/200 mcg as well as Varenicline tablets 0.5 mg and 1 mg.

The reference listed drug of Diclofenac Sodium and Misoprostol Delayed Release tablets is Arthrotec Delayed-Release tablets and indicated to treat osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis in people at high risk of developing stomach or intestinal ulcers.

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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Ph: 25581383, 25589112, 25589113 Fax: 080-25586321
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No: PCB/39/HPI/17 Cat/2022/1226 Date:09/06/2023

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Farhatabad Integrated Cement Project (A Unit of Shree Cements Ltd) have proposed to establish a Integrated Cement Plant to manufacture Cement Clinker- 4.0 Million TPA, Cement- 6.66 Million TPA (2x3.33 Million TPA), Captive Power Plant - 2x25 MW, Waste Heat Recovery System-38 MW, Synthetic Gypsum Unit - 1560 TPD, D.G.Set-2000 KVA (1x1000 KVA, 1x500 KVA & 2x250 KVA) & Railway Siding at Tilgul & Kiranagi Villages, Kalaburagi Taluk and District in an area of 97.52 hectares.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter No: J-11011/355/2021-IA-II(IND-I) dated: 29.11.2021 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi and request letter of the project proponent received at Board office on 10.06.2022, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the Company & Address: M/s. Farhatabad Integrated Cement Project (A Unit of Shree Cements Ltd), 122-123, Hans Bhawan, 1, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.

2. Location of the Proposed Project: Tilgul & Kiranagi Villages, Kalaburagi Taluk and District.

3. Project Proposed : Proposed to establish Integrated Cement Plant to manufacture Cement Clinker- 4.0 Million TPA, Cement- 6.66 Million TPA (2x3.33 Million TPA), Captive Power Plant - 2x25 MW, Waste Heat Recovery System-38 MW, Synthetic Gypsum Unit - 1560 TPD, D.G.Set-2000 KVA (1x1000 KVA, 1x500 KVA & 2x250 KVA) & Railway Siding.

4. Date, time and venue of Environmental public hearing: Date: 14.07.2023 (Friday).Time: 11:00 A.M. Place: Project site, M/s. Farhatabad Integrated Cement Project, Sy. No.110, Saradagi B Village, Adjacent Kalaburagi-Jewargi Highway, towards Balwad Village Road, Farhatabad, Kalaburagi Taluk and District,.

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Kalaburagi. (c) District Industries Centre, Kalaburagi District. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Plot No.12/2, Sy No.19/P, Mansafadar Layour, M.G.Road, Santrasawadi, Kalaburagi. (e) Village Panchayat, Kiranagi Village & Saradagi B Village, Kalaburagi District. (f) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. g) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. **For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

GEM PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Open Bids are invited for the following projects executed by Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited through GEM portal.

Sl. No	Bid Number	Item Category	Total Quantity	Bid Submission Last Date
1	GEM/2023/B/3558928	Battery Operated Three Wheeler Passenger	100	27.06.2023 16:00:00

(sd/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

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Office of the Registrar, Central College Campus, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru – 560 001.Ph.No.080-22131385, E-mail: registrarbcu@gmail.com

No.BCU/2nd Annual Conv/175/2023-24 12.06.2023

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that the Second Annual Convocation of the Bengaluru City University is scheduled to be held on Monday the 10th July, 2023 at 11.00 am in the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Palace Road, Central College Campus, Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru - 560001.

Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of Bengaluru City University will preside over the Convocation.

Padmashree Dr. C. N. Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Science and Research, Bengaluru has kindly consented to deliver the Convocation Address.

Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, Honb'le Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka and Pro-Chancellor, Bengaluru City University will grace the Convocation.

Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, Vice Chancellor, Bengaluru City University will present a brief report of activities of the University.

DIPR/CP/251/AKAR/2023-24 **REGISTRAR**

ELECTRICAL INSPECTORATE
Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector to Govt. Nirmana Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, 1st Block, Banglaore-560 010. Ph: 080-23371691

No.: CEIG/ACEI/EI(L)/Exam/2532-621/2023-24 Date: 03.06.2023

EXAMINATION NOTIFICATION

The Department of Electrical Inspectorate invites online applications from eligible candidates for the Electrical Supervisor General (Grade-2) Permit, Electrical Supervisor Mines (Grade-1 & Grade-2) Permit and Electrical Wireman (Grade-2) Permit Examination for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24.The Online applications shall be submitted to the Deputy Electrical Inspectors of concerned Districts from **01.07.2023 to 14.08.2023** through the website **https://ksei.karnataka.gov.in** Online Services-> E-Services->Examination section.

Note: Candidates can contact Help Line No: 080-23371691 for any technical problems while applying online.

Sd/-
Sri Theethira.N. Appachu
Chief Electrical Inspector (I/C) and
Ex-Officio Additional Secretary [Licensing]
DIPR/CP/JA/202/2023-24 **to Government, Dept. of Energy, Bangalore**

LOOKING BACK

McDonald credits sub-continent journey for Australia's WTC glory

Australia head coach Andrew McDonald feels its "sub-continent journey" helped it get the World Test Championship mace. "You can talk about the subcontinent journey where we went from Pakistan to Sri Lanka into India. It was a tricky World Test championship cycle and I think the wins in the subcontinent got us here."

ROARING BACK

Raonic eases past Kecmanovic on his return to the Tour

Canada's Milos Raonic, the 2016 Wimbledon runner-up, won his first match on Tour, in the opening round at 's-Hertogenbosch, after a near two-year injury absence. The 32-year-old beat Miomir Kecmanovic 6-3, 6-4 on his return to competition since July 2021. Raonic has reached the quarterfinals four times at Wimbledon.

NO FAIRYTALE RETURN

Venus gives it her best shot before going down to teenager Naef

Venus Williams, playing her first match since January, went down 3-6, 7-6(3), 6-2 to Celine Naef in the first round in 's-Hertengebosch in the Netherlands on Tuesday. Venus, who will turn 43 on Saturday, started strongly but faded away as Naef, a 17-year old Swiss ranked 202 in the world, won in an hour and 19 minutes.

MOVING ON

Mbappe firm on not extending contract with PSG beyond 2024

Kylian Mbappe told Paris Saint-Germain on Monday he would not be taking up an option to extend his contract by one year beyond 2024, a source close to the negotiations said. That opens the door to the 24-year-old's possible exit from PSG during this summer's transfer window, the source added, confirming a report in *L'Equipe*.

Senior group is quite competitive: Janneke

Despite the junior women's team's maiden Asia Cup triumph, the girls might have to wait a while before making the transition to the senior side

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan

The Indian junior women's hockey team's maiden Asia Cup triumph has given hopes of an improved performance at the Junior World Cup later this year, but the girls might have to wait a while before making the transition to the senior side.

With the Asian Games just over three months away, coach Janneke Schopman is clear that there won't be much changes in the senior core group. "I am quite happy with the performance of the players in the Junior Asia Cup and for me, it was always about using the tournament and the Australia tour for the seniors to have more players in the camp.

"But I think our senior core group is quite competitive at the moment and people know they have to turn up every day to have a chance of being selected," Janneke said during an interaction on Tuesday.

Tough choice

With the squad to be finalised by mid-July, Janneke admitted it was tough to select the best possible players but added that it was not just about the selection trials. "We have been monitoring players from last year.

"Of course it matters how players do at this time and if they are fit and they need to be good because the selectors will be there later this month, but as staff we also know it's not just that one selection trial. The next couple of weeks will be about making the pieces of the puzzle fit," she added.

Mumtaz Khan, who scored six goals in the tournament, explained how the team had learnt from its mistakes during the previous Junior World Cup, where India finished fourth. "We learnt how to control in the dying minutes. We used to get flustered earlier but in Japan we knew the value of every second. We have learnt from our mistakes and moved forward, one step at a time," she said.

The junior team will next travel to Germany for a 5-nation event, including Belgium and Netherlands, and play practice matches with Belgium ahead of the JWC, to be held in Santiago, Chile, in December.

Beaming faces: The junior women's players, who made India proud by winning the Asia Cup, were felicitated at SAI, Bengaluru, on Tuesday. PTI

WFI elections to be held on July 6

ANI
NEW DELHI

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections are set to be held on July 6, the newly appointed Returning Officer for the WFI elections Mahesh Mittal Kumar said in a statement on Tuesday.

The process of filing nominations will begin on June 19.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) formed a three-member ad-hoc committee on April 27 as mandated by the Sports Ministry. Two members were named to oversee WFI's day-to-day activities and pick wrestlers for international events.

The elections will be crucial to the future of wrestling in India and also in deciding the federation's leadership.

India gets off to a rousing start

SQUASH WORLD CUP

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

After being muted, the applause and cheers from the spectators and passers-by at the Express Avenue Mall became louder once India took on Hong Kong in the last tie of the evening at the Squash World Cup on Tuesday.

The host, seeded two, turned on the heat when it mattered to blank its opponent 4-0 in its first Group-B match on a day when all the fancied teams – top-seeded Egypt, third seed Japan, and Malaysia, seeded fourth – won with ease.

Abhay Singh, ranked 72nd and the owner of seven PSA titles, was up against the 23-year-old Chung Yat Long. After being routed in the first two games, Chung showed resolve in the third by pushing the Indian to the corners. Tied 6-6, Abhay sealed it with a huge forehand.

Joshna Chinappa put it across Fung Heylie in three straight games in the second tie before Saurav Ghosal, who gave a few jitters when he lost the first game to Andes Ling, roared back to win the remaining three.

Tanvi Khanna eked out a tough five-game win over Toby Tse in the fourth and final match to help India get off to a winning start.

Setting the ball rolling: Abhay, left, beat back Chung's challenge to put India on the path to victory. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The results: India bt Hong Kong 4-0 (Abhay Singh bt Chung Yat Long 7-2, 7-3, 7-6; Joshna Chinappa bt Fung Heylie 7-1, 7-5,7-2; Saurav Ghosal bt Andes Ling 5-7, 7-2, 7-5, 7-1; Tanvi Khanna vs Toby Tse 5-7, 6-7, 7-1, 7-4, 7-3).

Japan bt South Africa 3-1 (Tomotaka Endo bt Jean-Pierre Brits 7-4, 1-7, 2-7, 7-3, 7-5; Satomi Watanabe bt Lizelle Muller 7-2, 7-1, 7-2; Ryunosuke Tsukue bt Dewald Van Niekerk 4-7, 7-5, 7-5, 7-3; Akari Midorikawa lost to Hayley Ward 7-5, 5-7, 1-7, 2-7).

Egypt bt Australia 4-0 (Karim El Hammamy bt Nicholas Calvert 5-7, 7-3, 7-0, 7-3; Fayrouz Aboueikheir bt Jessica Turnbull 5-7, 7-4, 7-4, 7-4; Aly Abou El Einen bt Joseph White 7-1, 7-6, 7-2; Kenzy Ayman bt Alex Haydon 7-5, 7-3, 7-4).

Malaysia bt Colombia 3-1 (Ong Sai Hung bt Alfonso Marroquin 7-2, 7-3, 7-4; Aira Azman bt Laura Tovar 5-7, 7-0, 7-3, 7-1; Darren Pragasam bt Juan Felipe Tovar Perez 7-2, 7-2, 7-2; Xin Ying Yee lost to Catalina Pelaez 6-7, 6-7, 7-2, 5-7).

Aboelkheir eager to ascend the throne of Egyptian squash

Divyakriti Singh
CHENNAI

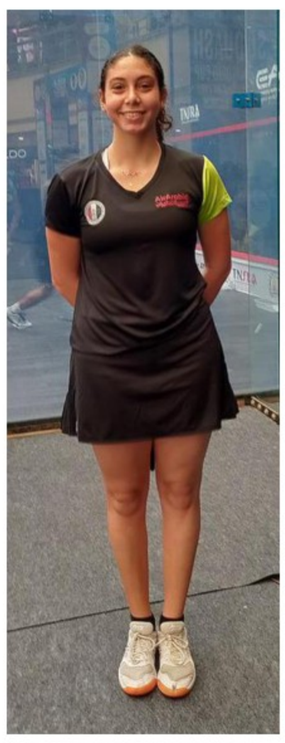
Egypt is squash royalty and Fayrouz Aboelkheir wants to be on the sporting throne "as soon as possible."

The 17-year-old heaved a sigh of relief as she walked off the court having beaten 26-year-old Jessica Turnball of Australia 3-1 in the Squash World Cup here.

Aboelkheir showcased some classical Egyptian attacking squash but, to her surprise, Turnball matched her power game every step of the way.

The new format, with the game ending at 7 points rather than 11, seemed "confusing" as well, according to her.

"You have to always stay focused – when you're at 5-4, usually you're still getting into the game. But here the game is over at that point, so we're still coping with it. But I'm really happy that I got through and got used to this format quickly."



Aboelkheir. DIVYAKRITI SINGH

Aboelkheir is touted to be the next big thing in Egyptian squash, but was still unknown to many in the audience.

Within two years of playing on the PSA World Tour, she has made her way to World No. 33.

The reason for her success – and Egypt's dominance in squash – lies in the sport's ecosystem there. For instance, Aboelkheir, as a nine-year-old, was playing the sport alongside her "idol" – former World No. 1 Mohamed El Shorbagy – at her local club.

Speaking about her training, she said, "I train with Nour El Sherbini (current World No. 2 and seven-time world champion). We share the same coaches because we train at the same club."

However, like every other sport, circumstances alone don't make a star. Effort and skill trumps that and the same is true for her.

While winning the World Cup with Team Egypt is Aboelkheir's focus this week, her ultimate aim is "becoming the world champion and World No. 1 as soon as possible."

Vihari to lead South in the Duleep Trophy

Lalith Kalidas
CHENNAI

Hanuma Vihari will lead South Zone in the Duleep Trophy, which begins in Bengaluru on June 28.

The squad was picked by the selectors from the South Zone associations at a meeting held in Goa on Tuesday.

K.S. Bharat, who recently featured in the World Test Championship final against Australia at the Oval in London, has been named as the wicketkeeper along with Andhra teammate Ricky Bhui.

South, runner-up the last time, will begin its campaign with a direct berth in the semifinal alongside defending champion West.

The South Zone squad:
Hanuma Vihari (Capt.), Mayank Agarwal (vice-capt.), Sai Sudharsan, K.S. Bharat (wk), Ricky Bhui (wk), R Samarth, Washington Sundar, Sachin Baby, Pradosh Ranjan Paul, Sai Kishore, Vidwath Kaverappa, Vyshak Vijaykumar, K.V. Sasikanth, Darshan Misal, and Tilak Varma.

Sindhu and Prannoy make the pre-quarterfinals

INDONESIA OPEN

Press Trust of India
JAKARTA

P.V. Sindhu ousted home favourite Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in straight games in the opening round of the Indonesia Open World Tour Super 1000 event here on Tuesday.

The Indian, who made first round exits in the last two events, took 38 minutes to defeat the Indonesian 21-19, 21-15 and seal a pre-quarterfinal berth.

It was a winning start for H.S. Prannoy, who won the Malaysia Masters Super 300 title last month, prevailed over Kenta Nishimoto of Japan 21-16, 21-14.

In men's doubles, World No. 5 Satwiksairaj Ranikreddy and Chirag Shetty began their campaign with a 21-12, 11-7 verdict over Christo Popov and Toma Junior Popov after the French combine retired in the opening round.

In another match, Malaysia's Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi got the better of M.R. Arjun & Dhruv Kapila 12-21, 21-6, 22-20.

The results:
Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Kenta Nishimoto (Jpn) 21-16, 21-14; **Doubles:** Satwiksairaj Ranikreddy & Chirag Shetty bt Christo Popov & Toma Junior Popov (Fra) 21-12, 11-7, retd.; Ong Yew Sin & Teo Ee Yi (Mas) bt M.R. Arjun & Dhruv Kapila 12-21, 21-6, 22-20.
Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Gregoria Mariska Tunjung (Ina) 21-19, 21-15. **Doubles:** Rin Iwanaga & Kie Nakanishi (Jpn) bt Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand 20-22, 21-12, 21-16.

Favourable result: Sindhu returned to winning ways by taking out Mariska in the opening round. AP

Randhawa steps down as AFI selection committee chairman

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Track legend Gurbachan Singh Randhawa on Tuesday resigned as the chairman of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) selection committee after 18 years. He wrote to AFI president Adille Sumariwalla citing old age as the reason for his decision.

"My advancing age makes it difficult for me to give the job my 100%. I think it is the right time for me to hand over the reins to a younger person at a time when Indian athletics is at a very exciting stage of its evolution," Randhawa wrote.

"We have also seen how the robust junior programme, with the National inter-district junior athletics meet at the entry level, has led to successes in age-group competitions both at the Asian and world levels. There can be no better time for me to bid farewell. I would like to acknowledge the support and encouragement of everyone involved in my long association with the AFI."

The 84-year old won decathlon gold at the 1962 Asian Games and finished fifth in the 110m hurdles at the 1964 Olympics, where he was also the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony.

INBRIEF

Talons, Patriots and Ironmen share the top spot

Telugu Talons, Rajasthan Patriots and Maharashtra Ironmen registered two wins each as the Premier Handball League, being held in Jaipur, entered the second week. Delhi Panzers and Garvit Gujarat recorded a win each while Golden Eagles UP was yet to taste success. The league got off to a thrilling start as Patriots pipped Ironmen 28-27. Davinder Singh Bhullar, in pic, was the star as Talons defeated Garvit in the other match on the opening day. There was also a tied match between Garvit and Eagles.

The results: Patriots bt Ironmen 28-27; Talons bt Garvit 39-32; Talons bt Eagles 40-38; Garvit bt Panzers 42-37; Ironmen bt Eagles 43-28; Panzers bt Patriots 34-18; Ironmen bt Talons 30-26; Patriots bt Garvit 29-27; Panzers bt Talons 29-27; Garvit tied with Eagles 31-31.

Ferrando to extend his stint as Mohun Bagan coach

Mohun Bagan Super Giant's ISL-winning coach Juan Ferrando will stay at the franchise for one more year, the Mariners announced on Tuesday. The Spaniard, who joined the side in December 2021 replacing Antonio Lopez Habas, guided the Kolkata side to the title in March. The team was formerly known as ATK Mohun Bagan after a merger with the Mariners ahead of the ISL ahead of the 2020-21 season. Prior to the merger with Mohun Bagan, ATK had won three ISL titles.

Shreyanka grabs five as India crushes Hong Kong

Shreyanka Patil decimated host Hong Kong with impressive figures of five for two as Indian under-23 opened its campaign in the Women's Emerging Asia Cup cricket with a nine-wicket victory at Mong Kok on Tuesday.

The scores: Hong Kong Women 34 in 14 overs (Shreyanka Patil 5/2) lost to India Women 38/1 in 5.2 overs.

LIVE TELECAST

BWF: Indonesia Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 a.m.

Bangladesh vs Afghanistan: Only Test, day 1, FanCode, 9 a.m.

TNPL: Star Sports 3 & FanCode, 3 & 7 p.m.

PHL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 & 8.30 p.m.

Ad-hoc committee formed to conduct VFI elections, select Asian Games teams

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

The Indian Olympic Association has formed a four-member ad-hoc committee to conduct the elections of the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) and also to run the affairs of the National body till the federation's new executive committee is in place.

Former India tennis player Rohit Rajpal (IOA Executive Council member) is the chairman of the committee with Alaknanda Ashok (IOA joint secretary), former volleyball international S. Gopinath, and Stephen Bock (FIVB head of legal committee and general counsel) being the other members.

"The ad-hoc committee will start functioning soon," a prominent IOA official told *The Hindu* on Tuesday. "The trials to select the men's and women's teams for the Asian Games (in Hangzhou, China, September) will be held under the ad-hoc committee's guidance in Bengaluru."

The IOA had formed committee on the advice of the Sports Ministry and after holding discussions with FIVB on the impasse in Indian volleyball.

The committee will have to conduct the VFI elections within 45 days of its formation and also manage the affairs of the VFI, including selection of players for the various international events till the federation's newly-elected office-bearers take charge.

The Asian Games selection trials, which will be held with the support of SAI, will be at the Bengaluru SAI from June 18 to 20 (for men) and from June 20 to 22 (for women). It is open to all players.

A seven-member committee for men, with Shyam Sunder Rao as the chairman, and a six-member committee for women, headed by A. Ramana Rao, will select the Asiad teams.

Nuggets delight the faithful with their maiden crown

MVP Nikola Jokic powers the Denver side to 4-1 win over Miami and consign the former champion Heat to a third summit clash loss in 10 seasons

NBA FINAL

Agence France-Presse
DENVER

Denver Nuggets captured its first title in 47 NBA seasons on Monday, defeating the Miami Heat 94-89 behind 28 points and 16 rebounds from Nikola Jokic.

The Nuggets won the best-of-seven NBA Finals 4-1 to bring the Mile High City an NBA crown as a sellout crowd roared in delight while delivering Miami's third finals loss in 10 seasons.

"I've got news for everybody out there. We're not satisfied with one," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said afterwards. "We want more."

Another champion Serb

The championship filled the final gap in the impressive resume of Serbian star Jokic, a two-time NBA Most Valuable Player and five-time All-Star center in his eighth NBA campaign.

Lodestar: With his joyous Nuggets teammates cheering, Jokic receives the MVP trophy from the NBA commissioner Silver. GETTY IMAGES

Two days after countryman Novak Djokovic won the French Open for his record 23rd Grand Slam tennis crown, Jokic was named the NBA Finals MVP.

He delivered on a night when the team struggled with shooting futility but blanked Miami for more than five minutes of the fourth quarter.

"It was amazing effort by the team," Jokic said.

"It was an ugly game. We couldn't make shots. But at the end we figured it out, how to defend and we scored 90 points.

"That's why we won. I'm just happy we won the game. It's good. The job is done and we can go home now."

Michael Porter Jr. added 16 points and 13 rebounds and Jamal Murray added 14 points, eight rebounds and eight asists for the Nuggets.

"We're winning for the guys next to us," Jokic said. "That's why this means so much. Everything this year is amazing. We believe in each other."

All set for Nations League climax

Associated Press
ROTTERDAM

There is another international trophy to win in Europe this weekend as players are getting ready for the four-team Nations League Finals in the Netherlands. The teams reach this stage by winning a top-tier group.

The Nations League host team will play in the first semifinal match on Wednesday in Rotterdam against Croatia.

Spain and Italy will clash against each other in the second semifinal on Thursday in Enschede. The final will be played here on Sunday. The lure of a first international title appeared to have persuaded Luka Modric to stay with the national team.

Missing key players

The Dutch are without two key players as they bid to win the country's first international title since the 1988 European Championship. Memphis Depay's injury keeps the forward out of the squad. Matthijs de Ligt picked up a similar injury in training.

AIFF receives five bids for direct entry to I-League

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Tuesday announced receiving five proposals for direct entry in the upcoming I-League 2023-24 season, while adding that the Indian Women's League (IWL) will be an eight-team affair in the coming edition.

The AIFF said in a release that YMS Finance Pvt. Ltd. from Kolkata, Namdhari Seeds Pvt. Ltd. from Punjab, Nimida United Sports Development Pvt. Ltd. from Bengaluru, Concatenate Advest Advisory Pvt Ltd from Delhi and Bunkerhill Pvt Ltd from Gurugram were the five entities which have sent in their proposals for direct entry.

The league decided to have the IWL 2023-24 as an eight-team event, consisting of top-four teams from each of the groups of the 2022-23 season.

Onus on selectors as half the Indian team approaches the tricky age of 35

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Is the future of Indian cricket arriving faster than expected, and are we formally in the transition stage with a new captain and a new head coach to take over soon? The losses in two consecutive finals of the World Test Championship (WTC) might suggest that the Virat Kohli-Rohit Sharma period is ending.

India haven't done too badly, twice making it to the final, but there was a tiredness about the Oval performance, a lack of spark that suggested a world-beating team calibrated to 'repeat', and repeating its mistakes endlessly. It brings the efficiency of the support staff into question.

Even Ravi Shastri, that votary of the IPL (who once called Lalit Modi 'Moses' for taking cricket into a new world) has said that to prepare for the WTC, players will have to miss the IPL. It will be interesting to see what happens when that is left to individual choice!

By the end of the year, six of the 11 who played the final will be over 35 (only two players are in their 20s). Growing older is neither illegal nor anti-national, but to imagine many of the lot retaining form and fitness for the next final (if India make it in 2025) is unrealistic. Assuming the selectors reach that conclusion, then it makes sense to blood youngsters and give them a long run. Change is a continuous process in sport, and a natural one.

A judicious infusion of younger, fitter players with ambition could alter the feel of the team. The top players are likely to fade away at around the same time, leaving a gaping hole. The selectors have a crucial role in finding the youth-experience mix. Which is why that currently headless body needs to find one immediately. There is the tour to the West Indies coming up and later the 50-over World Cup.

Head coach Rahul Dravid, a brilliant bridge for young players moving from junior cricket to the international arena failed to enthuse the seniors, giving the impression of being risk-averse. The pipeline – tours by the 'A' team – has dried up recently, and players have been making it into the national squad on the basis of IPL performances which is less than ideal.

Have the likes of Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara, Umesh Yadav lost their mojo? It would be unwise to swing the axe indiscriminately – that gaping hole needs to be made as small as possible. India need to groom specific types of players – a late middle-order batter who bowls brisk medium pace (like Hardik Pandya at his best), a left-hander opening and possibly in the middle order, young fast bowlers and possibly a spinning all-rounder.

Once the requirements are broken down, then it is possible to recognise the players with the skill sets who are already successful in domestic cricket.

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, for instance, averages 80 from 15 First Class matches, and is the man in form. He should be a shoo-in for the West Indies. What is the plan for Umran Malik, India's fastest bowler? Or Ishan Kishan? What about those who have played occasionally? Where does Washington Sundar fit in, or Arshdeep Singh?

Bold selections

India need to make bold selections, picking some players on potential rather than performance. The best selectors pick players for the long haul, seeing in them the elements for success that are not always obvious to the casual watcher. Many of India's successful bowlers made it to international cricket in their teens, with very little First Class experience. Bhagwat Chandrasekhar played for India six months after making his debut in club cricket.

Like the 'shadow' cabinet in Britain, Indian cricket must have players ready to take over when the tide turns. There are three phases in a player's career, each of which has to be handled with sensitivity and common sense. The debutant must feel he will be given a fair run, mid-career players must be made to realise that being dropped is not unusual, and those approaching the end of their run must work out an exit policy.

India have players who fit into all these categories. Recognising the stage of development and acting unsentimentally in the interests of the team is the management's responsibility. That things must change is a given. Only the quantum of that change needs to be worked out.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Online ticket sales for SAFF football from June 14

Online ticket sales for the SAFF Championship football tournament to be played in Bengaluru from June 21 to July 4 will commence on June 14. Tickets will be sold exclusively through Paytm Insider.

Prices: VIP B: ₹799; **West Block A:** ₹499; **East Upper A:** ₹399; **East Upper B:** ₹399; **East Lower B** (dedicated to fans of foreign teams): ₹299; **North Upper:** ₹199; **North Lower:** ₹99.

Macneil and Dheeraj star in Cambridge's innings win

Macneil Hadley Noronha (120) and Dheeraj J. Gowda (4/65 & 7/18) helped Cambridge CC defeat Sir Syed Cricketers by an innings and 124 runs in the KSCA first division league.

The scores:

Cambridge 391 in 89.5 overs (Macneil Hadley Noronha 120, Prithvi Sadanand 111, Mohammed Aquib Jawad 49, Clement Rajmohan 34, Kushaal Mahesh Wadhwani 3/104) bt Sir Syed Cricketers 188 in 49.2 overs (B.A. Mohith 49, Luvnith Sisodiya 37, Tanay Valmik 29, Dheeraj J. Gowda 4/65, B.M. Shreyas 3/26) & 79 in 29 overs (Shrikara 25, Dheeraj J. Gowda 7/18).

Vultures 397/7 in 90 overs (R. Smaran 139 n.o., K.L. Shrijith 99, Abhishek Ahlawat 47, D. Nischal 32, S. Nithin 28) drew with BUCC (1) 357 in 81.5 overs (Pranav Bhatia 136 n.o., M. Venkatesh 46, Yashovardhan Parantap 45, Liyan Khan 40, Sharath Srinivas 25, Santokh Singh 5/88).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 431/8 in 90 overs (Rahul Prasanna 99, N. Rohan 86, Sireesh Balgaar 73, Rohan Kadam 58, K. Rohit 47, B.U. Shivakumar 3/97) drew with FUCC (1) 421 in 88.1 overs (Lochan S. Gowda 140, S.P. Shreyas 79, G.S. Chiranjeevi 48, Stalin Hoover 46, Prajwal Pavan 42, K.C. Cariappa 5/162, V. Koushik 3/83).

Mount Joy 269 in 60.2 overs (Samarth Srinivas 39, J. Suchith 34, Pareexith Okkunda 31, Sharath Belur Ravi 30, Shreesha S. Achar 4/71) drew with Social Cricketers 89 in 36.3 overs (D. Avinash 29, Goutham Mishra 5/40, J. Suchith 4/18) & 144/0 in 43 overs (Sudhanwa U. Kulkarni 61 n.o., S.H. Swaroop 60 n.o.).

Swastic Union (1) 244 in 59.1 overs (S. Rakshith 70, Jeswanth Acharya 52, Aman Khan 33, K. Shashikumar 27, G.L. Yashas 4/36, Hardik Raj 3/66) and 20/1 in 11.4 overs drew with Coles 242 in 71 overs (K.S. Lankesh 52, Hardik Raj 41 n.o., Melu Kranthi Kumar 40, Shashikumar 6/53, Shreyas Gopal 3/74).

Swastic Union (2) 103 in 32.5 overs (Adhoksh 25, Pranav Gokhle 4/25, Rajvir Wadhwa 3/14, Owais Ahmed Khan 3/48) & 241/9 decl. in 54 overs (Naga Bharath 71, M.D. Taha 48, Sujay Sateri 30, G.D. Naman 5/65, Pranav Gokhle 4/51) drew with Bangalore Occassionals 102 in 40.1 overs (Kush marathe 35, C.A. Karthik 6/36, Prateek Jain 3/17) & 110/4 in 30 overs (C. Rithin Christy 38, T.N. Varun Rao 25).

Shoaib powers Visweswarapuram to victory

Shoaib Manager (44 & 3/40) powered Visweswarapuram CC (2) to victory against Hammonds CC by five wickets in the KSCA (Group I) third division league here.

The scores:

RVCE 103 in 42.1 overs lost to Doorvani Cricketers (1) 106/7 in 30.5 overs (Md. Khaiser 40, V. Abhiram 3/29).

Hammonds 296/8 in 50 overs (Sharana Basava 118, Arvind 40, Dhanush Subramanya 38, Abhishek Joseph Koshi 26, Ashwin Tantry 25, Shoaib Manager 3/40) lost to Visweswarapuram (2) 302/5 in 49.2 overs (Prasanna Patil Kulkarni 88, B. Tanu 68, Saurabh Srivathav 56 n.o., Shoaib Manager 44, Nithin Gopalakrishna 29 n.o.).

Ajaykumar on a roll

Ajaykumar's five-goal brilliance gave Afghan FC an easy 10-0 win over Heroes FC in the BDFA C-div. football league here on Tuesday.

The results: Afghan FC 10 (Ajaykumar 2, 8, 13, 15, 59, Pavitran 5-og, Sam Ronoldo 12, 34, Joseph 16, Praveen Kumar 60) bt Heroes FC 0; Young Boys FC 5 (Maheswar 5, Guru 42, Robinson 46, Rutheswar 54, 56) bt Bangalore Boys 1 (M. Suhas 30); Bagalgunte FC 3 (Y. Diwakar 24, 47, Maheshkumar 62) bt Bosch FC 1 (Arun 40); Konkan FC 2 (Noel Robnson 5, 15) bt National FC 1 (Shaji M. Binny 30).

Vivek FC pips Wolvespack-B

Vicky FC edged Wolvespack-B 4-3 in the Head Digital Works Junior football league recently.

The results: U-14: Wolvespack-A drew with Bangalore Arrows 1-1; Vicky FA bt Wolvespack-B 4-3; Bangalore Arrows bt Bangalore Super Strikers 5-1; Wolvespack-A bt Vicky FA 3-1; MBFC lost to Stallions FA 1-6; Raman Sports Academy bt Bangalore Super Strikers 8-3; Wolvespack-B lost to Stallions FA 0-6; MBFC lost to Raman Sports Academy 1-8.

U-12: RAPT Sports School bt Raman Sports Academy 4-1; Football People lost to Vicky FA 1-7; Raman Sports Academy lost to Barca Academy 1-15; RAPT Sports School bt The Football People 5-0; NPS D5 Academy drew with MBFC 3-3; Stallions FA lost to Barca Academy 2-4; Vicky FA lost to MBFC 3-4; NPS D5 Academy lost to Stallions FA 1-6.

U-10: Pep Sports Academy bt The Football People 5-0; Raman Sports Academy bt RAPT Sports School 8-0; The Football People lost to MSDF Belagavi 1-8; Pep Sports Academy drew with Raman Sports Academy 1-1; Wolvespack bt Barca Academy 3-1; MSDF Belagavi bt Pep Sports Elite 7-1; RAPT Sports School lost to Barca Academy 1-2; Wolvespack bt Pep Sports Elite 4-1.

Under-10 & under-16 chess tournament on June 25

Champions Chess Academy will conduct a tournament in the u-10 and u-16 categories on June 25 at Krishna Garden, Rajarajeshwari Nagar.

Entries close on June 23 and entry fee for the same will be ₹200. For details call Balakrishna Prabhu: 9845466416.